



NEW ZEALAND

PROSPECTUS 2026

**AUCKLAND
UNIVERSITY
OF TECHNOLOGY**
CERTIFICATE IN
FOUNDATION STUDIES



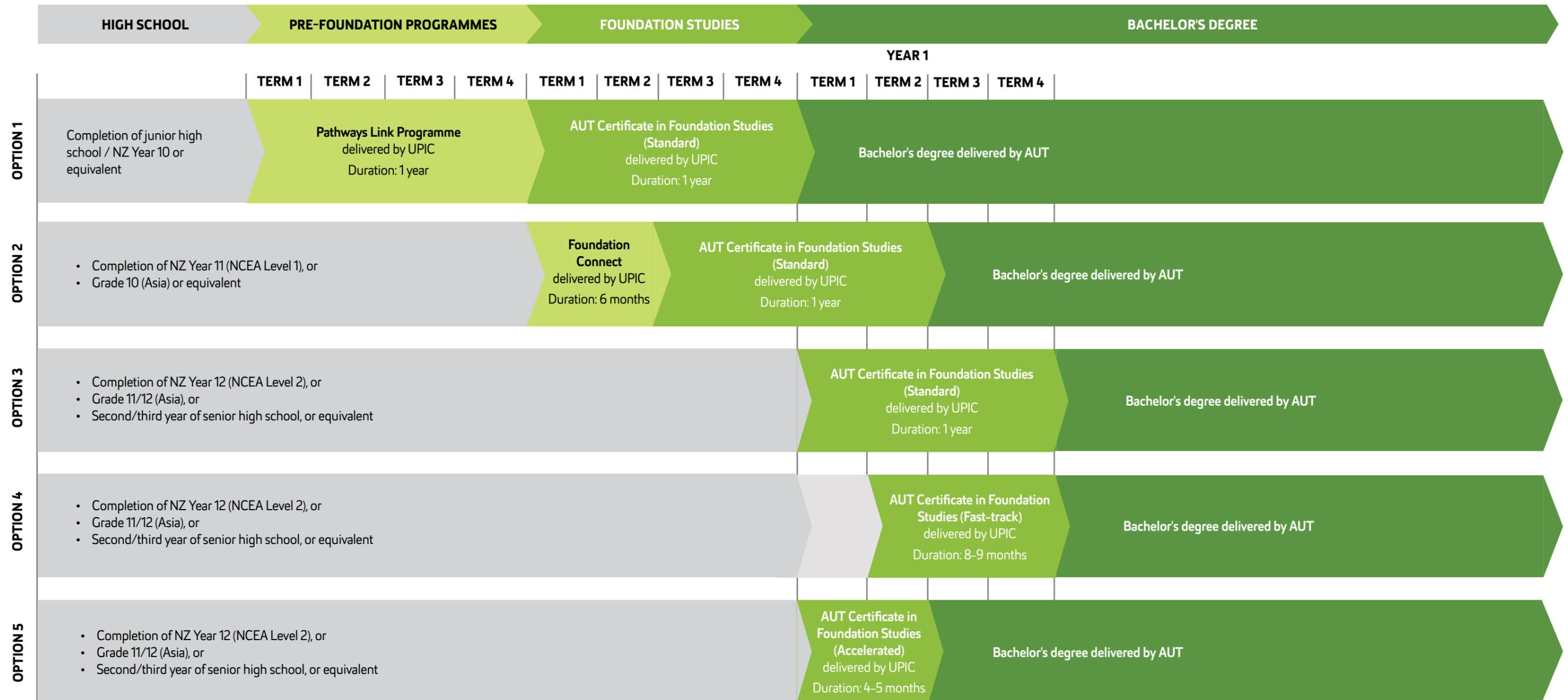
POWERED BY **UP EDUCATION**

UP International College New Zealand PATHWAY PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

The programmes we offer

- Pathways Link Programme¹
- Foundation Connect²
- Auckland University of Technology Certificate in Foundation Studies (Standard) (Level 3)
- Auckland University of Technology Certificate in Foundation Studies (Fast-track) (Level 3)
- Auckland University of Technology Certificate in Foundation Studies (Accelerated) (Level 3)

1. Pathways Link is registered as 'Pathways Link - L1A and L1B (Level 1) (Training Scheme)' with NZQA.
2. The programme is marketed as Foundation Connect and the programme name is registered as 'Intensive General English Course' at NZQA.



WELCOME TO THE AUCKLAND UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY (AUT)

Nau mai, haere mai (Welcome)

AUT is New Zealand's youngest, most dynamic, and fastest growing university. Based in Auckland, New Zealand's largest and most international city, we are a high performing university highly regarded for our international outlook, research, and teaching. International students, like you, are an incredibly important part of AUT.

The AUT Certificate in Foundation Studies programme is designed to prepare you for entry into AUT's undergraduate degree programmes by equipping you with essential subject knowledge, English language proficiency, and tertiary study skills.

At AUT, our mission is to create great graduates. We work hard to offer a welcoming environment where people love to learn. We aim to approach students holistically, offering exceptional learning experiences, while supporting student wellbeing and providing student services and opportunities that support and inspire people from a wide range of diverse backgrounds and countries.

The programme you are entering is taught on our behalf by UP Education, and AUT and UP have a long history of working together to support students. This has been a successful pathway to university students for more than 20 years, and after the successful completion of your studies, I look forward to welcoming you to AUT.

Ngā manaakitanga (With best wishes).



Professor Damon Salesa
Vice-Chancellor
Auckland University of Technology



1. AUT is ranked first in New Zealand for its international outlook and is placed in the top 110 worldwide (Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2026).



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IN NEW ZEALAND FOR
**INTERNATIONAL
OUTLOOK¹**

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AOTEAROA NEW ZEALAND, A GREAT PLACE TO STUDY, LIVE AND WORK

New Zealand is world-famous for its friendly people, spectacular landscape and relaxed lifestyle. Discover what it's like to be a student here. Learn about the different types of accommodation. Explore our cities and regions, and find out about the cost of living.

Feel safe and secure

New Zealand is recognised as one of the most peaceful, least-corrupt countries in the world, giving you a sense of security and confidence while you concentrate on your studies or as you explore our beautiful country.

World-class education

All of New Zealand's eight universities rank in the top 2% globally. Students are encouraged to solve problems, collaborate, and innovate.

Work-life balanced lifestyle

New Zealand is known for its healthy balance between career and personal life. Many companies offer flexible working hours and generous holiday leave, enabling employees to pursue interests outside of work.



Post study work opportunities

Take your next step after graduation with a Post Study Work Visa¹. Eligible international students may remain in New Zealand for up to three years to gain relevant work experience and transferable skills.

Globally-recognised qualifications

A New Zealand qualification is a valuable asset that can give you a head start in the international job market. It is recognised by over 50 countries. These include the United States, the United Kingdom and Australia.



Embracing all peoples

New Zealanders, or Kiwis, embrace people from diverse backgrounds with warmth and respect. Our friendly culture, our rich history, our laidback, open-mindedness and our diverse traditions respect everyone's rights, beliefs, and choices.

A high standard of living

New Zealand boasts a high standard of living, with excellent education, healthcare, transport, and infrastructure. Our economy is strong, and our political system is stable. The country's transparent legal and governmental systems safeguard the rights of both citizens and visitors.



¹ For more information about Post Study Work Visa, please visit www.immigration.govt.nz/visas/post-study-work-visa

Quick facts

NZ population:
5,330,600*

Largest city:
Auckland – population
1,711,000*

Capital city:
Wellington

Official languages:
English, Māori,
New Zealand Sign
Language

Currency:
New Zealand dollar

Climate:
Summer –
Ave. 24°C (75°F)
Winter –
Ave. 16°C (60°F)

Warmest months:
January, February

Coldest months:
July, August

*Statistics New Zealand,
June 2025.



Top 3
safest country
to study abroad

6 BusinessBecause (CMAC) 2025



#1
country globally for the
best work-life balance

Global Life-Work Balance Index 2025,
Remote.com



Top 2%
universities
in the world

QS World University Rankings 2025



3rd
most peaceful
country globally

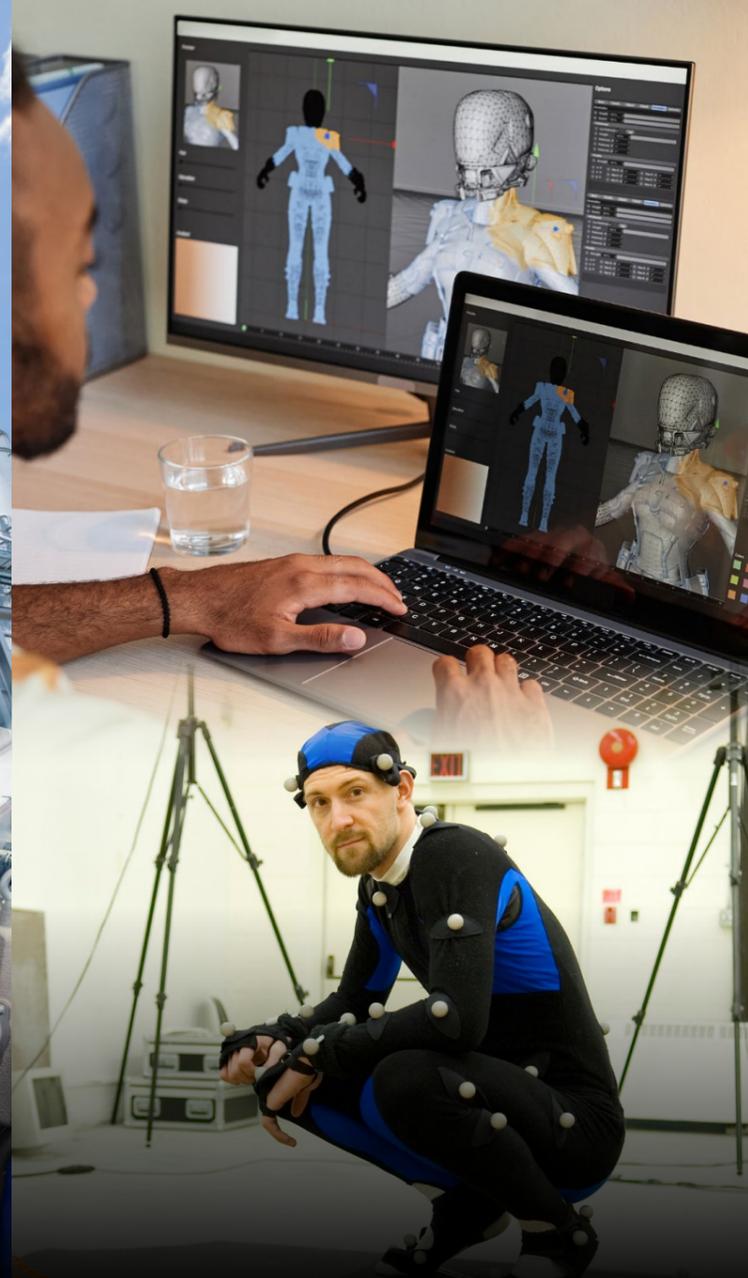
Global Peace Index score 2025



NEW ZEALAND, A HUB OF INNOVATION



2nd
Tech is NZ's 2nd largest export sector
Source: Statistics New Zealand, 2023



7th
in Asia and Oceania for innovation
Source: World Intellectual Property Organization, Global Innovation Index 2024

Rocket Lab

Reshaping access to space

Founded in 2006 in Auckland, Rocket Lab makes space accessible with innovative launch and satellite tech.

- Rocket Lab is a global leader in satellite deployment.
- With 60+ launches and 190+ satellites deployed, Rocket Lab is the fastest small launch provider to hit 50 missions.
- Partners include NASA, the U.S. Department of Defense, BlackSky, and Kinéis.

LanzaTech

Turning industrial emissions into clean fuel

Founded in 2005 and based in Auckland, LanzaTech is transforming the energy sector with carbon recycling technology that helps industries adopt cleaner, more sustainable production.

- LanzaTech's biotech converts steel mill emissions into clean fuel like ethanol.
- Deployed worldwide, it has reduced millions of tonnes of CO², partnering with Unilever, Zara, and Virgin Atlantic on sustainability.

Wētā FX

Where Oscar-winning visuals come to life

Founded in 1993 in Wellington, Wētā FX blends creativity and tech to reshape storytelling across film and media.

- From Avatar and The Lord of the Rings to The Avengers, Wētā FX brings magic to the big screen.
- With 2,000+ staff, the company is a multi-Oscar and BAFTA winner.
- A pioneer in AI-powered facial animation and virtual production.

Engender / Orbis

Engender Technologies and Orbis Diagnostics are deep-tech spinouts from the University of Auckland 2011. These ventures apply advanced photonics and microfluidics to tackle real-world challenges in agriculture, diagnostics, and sustainability.

- Engender used laser tech for sperm sorting and was acquired in 2018.
- Orbis Diagnostics, adapted from dairy tech to COVID testing, raised NZ\$5.2M in funding.

MORE THAN NATURE, THE UNTOLD STORY OF NEW ZEALAND

Sustainability & renewable energy

New Zealand is not only famous for its breathtaking landscapes – we're also a global leader in sustainable practices. From organic vineyards to one of the world's highest shares of renewable energy, we're shaping a greener future together.

Cultural diversity & inclusion

New Zealand is a truly multicultural society. Our commitment to human rights and gender equality reflects a deeply inclusive and open national identity that welcomes everyone.



#1
on the Sustainable Trade Index

Source: Ministry of Foreign Affairs & Trade, June 2024



#1
for the management of sustainable fisheries

Source: OpenSeasNZ



200
ethnicities

Source: Statistics New Zealand, 2023 Census



2nd
in the world for human rights

Source: Fraser Institute worldwide index of human freedom 2024



98%
of vineyard area is certified sustainable

Source: New Zealand Winegrower



2nd
on the democracy index

Source: Economist Intelligence Unit, World Democracy Index, 2024



+80%
of electricity from renewable sources

Source: MBIE, Energy in New Zealand, 2024



60%
of electricity from hydro power

Source: Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment, 2024



5th
for gender equality

Source: World Economic Forum, Global Gender Gap Index, 2025



1st
country to grant women the right to vote



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, only a short ferry ride from Auckland City



Wynyard Quarter
Walk along the waterfront, grab a bite to eat and check out the summer outdoor movie theatre



Viaduct Harbour
This beautiful waterfront destination offers great nightlife and over 30 restaurants



Sky Tower
Standing at 328 metres tall, you can experience dining and breath-taking views



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



UP International College New Zealand Campus
Located a 5-minute walk from AUT City Campus, in the heart of Auckland CBD

STUDY IN AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND'S ECONOMIC POWERHOUSE

Auckland is a vibrant and multicultural city that offers a unique blend of global diversity and authentic New Zealand experiences. Its rich mix of cultures is reflected in everyday life – from international cuisine and lively events to inclusive public spaces and communities. Students can immerse themselves in Māori and Pacific traditions through ceremonies, festivals, and language experiences that extend learning beyond the classroom.

Located in the heart of the city, AUT's campus offers easy access to both the energetic urban lifestyle and the natural beauty of beaches, harbours, parks, and forests. Whether you're exploring diverse food scenes or enjoying outdoor adventures, Auckland provides an exciting, well-rounded environment for study and life.

Did you know this about Auckland?

-  **Top 5** in the world for quality of living
Mercer Quality of Living Rankings 2024
-  **Top 7** most liveable city in the world
CNN World's Most Liveable Cities 2025
-  **Top 25** global student-friendly cities
QS Best Student Cities 2025
-  **42%** of Aucklanders are born overseas
Statistics New Zealand, 2023 Census
-  **No. 1** commercial and business centre of New Zealand
Statistics New Zealand, 2018 Census

Auckland is the commercial and business centre of New Zealand.



Study in the heart of everything

- AUT City Campus**
5-minute walk
- Central City Library**
5-minute walk
- Auckland Art Gallery**
7-minute walk
- YMCA Sports and Recreation Centre**
10-minute walk
- Number of bus stops within 500 meters of campus**
8 bus stops
- Auckland Airport**
25 minutes by car

Take a virtual campus tour



TOP RATED FOR ACADEMIC TEACHING



60+ research centres and institutes with world-class expertise



QS STARS 2025-30

For Teaching, Research, Facilities, Global Engagement, Employability, Good Governance, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion & Environmental Impact



CHOOSE FROM OVER

250

COURSES OF STUDY



26,500
STUDENTS



150,000+
alumni



NEW ZEALAND'S LEADING MODERN UNIVERSITY

Auckland University of Technology (AUT) is recognised as one of the world's leading modern universities. Times Higher Education ranks AUT first in New Zealand for its international outlook¹. The university also holds an overall five-star rating from the QS university rankings organisation, along with five-star ratings in the categories of Teaching, Research, Facilities, Global Engagement, Employability, Good Governance; Diversity, Equity and Inclusion; and Environmental Impact².

AUT is one of the largest universities in New Zealand and the fastest growing postgraduate study destination, with over 250 programmes, 2,200 academic staff and more than 150,000 alumni all over the world.

Collaboration and partnership underpin everything the university does and it is connected to an extraordinary range of organisations worldwide; sharing expertise and resources, collaborating on groundbreaking research, and connecting students with industry leaders and employers.

Setting you up for future success

AUT's mission is to create great graduates, with every staff member contributing to this goal. The university provides exceptional learning experiences that prepare students for success, wherever their careers may take them in the world.

AUT maintains strong connections with a wide range of organisations, offering students opportunities to collaborate with industry partners throughout their

studies. Students learn from academics who remain active in their respective fields, and the university regularly hosts industry professionals to share insights and real-world expertise.

Many of AUT's programmes also include work placements, enabling students to gain practical experience and build valuable industry networks before they graduate.

Research that shapes tomorrow

AUT is recognised as a leader in global research impact and home to a wide range of research centres, institutes and networks delivering cutting-edge research – from space science to artificial intelligence and robotics, and from ecology to physical activity and nutrition.

¹ THE World University Rankings 2026
² QS Stars 2025 to 2030

"AUT's practical approach to learning really suits my style. There's a strong focus on assignments, workshops, and hands-on learning, rather than just exams. There are also so many opportunities to prepare for the future. AUT hosts career fairs where we can meet real employers, ask questions, and build networks. In my third year, I'll be doing an internship arranged through the university. They also support us with CV writing, interview preparation, and even offer on-campus job opportunities."

Bianca from India
Graduate of the AUT Certificate in Foundation Studies | Currently studying a Bachelor of Business in International Business and Strategy & Marketing at AUT



Read Bianca's full story



WELCOME TO THE AUT CERTIFICATE IN FOUNDATION STUDIES

Auckland University of Technology in Auckland provides quality educational opportunities to help students transition into study and work. UP Education and AUT have a supportive programme of regular meetings with our students in their final term, so that they have the knowledge, skills and understanding to start their university study with confidence. These meetings mean our students build their own relationships with university staff before they start their study.

The programmes for AUT at UP Education (Foundation Connect, Pathways Link, Standard, Fast-Track and Accelerated) are tailor-made to meet students' needs where they are at and to provide them with the tools to be successful in their programmes and into the future.

Year after year, our highly qualified, creative and caring teachers provide excellent learning opportunities to students both onshore and offshore, and students who work hard and seize these opportunities reap the benefit of being admitted into a QS world-ranked, five star university, with top ratings for teaching, research, facilities, global engagement, employability, good governance, diversity, equity and inclusion, and environmental impact.



Julian Latimer
Principal
UP International College
New Zealand



Our campus

The AUT Certificate in Foundation Studies is taught at the UP International College New Zealand in the heart of Auckland's CBD, close to public transport, accommodation and a vibrant range of entertainment and cultural offerings. Students on this programme also have access to the world-class facilities at AUT.

Our modern, air-conditioned classrooms are well equipped with the latest multimedia capabilities, all computers have email and internet access, and are available for independent study from 8.30am-5pm. Other campus facilities include a large student common room, espresso coffee cart and café offering fresh food and drinks. Students in their final term have regular meetings with the International Team at AUT, to make sure their transition is smooth and without issues.

Endorsement from the New Zealand Government

The AUT Certificate in Foundation Studies, delivered by the UP International College New Zealand, is proudly a Licensee of the FernMark Licence Programme, a country of origin trademark programme endorsed and recognised by the New Zealand Government.

It's a symbol people recognise and trust – a trademark that embodies our values of kaitiaki, integrity, ingenuity – the values of our New Zealand Story.



TEACHING AND LEARNING AT UP INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE NEW ZEALAND

At UP International College New Zealand, we are focused on equipping students with the knowledge and skills required to be successful at university and beyond.

Teaching staff

Our teaching staff bring a wide range of relevant skills and experiences. Some come from high school teaching, others from university settings, and many from professional industries. A significant number have also taught overseas in international colleges. Around 25% of our teachers hold PhDs, with many of these earned at New Zealand universities.

This diversity of backgrounds provides our students with access to a wealth of knowledge, expertise, and real-world perspectives – helping them to succeed both academically and in life.



Flexible Learning Activities

Many of our courses include Flexible Learning Activities (FLAs) – interactive videos, quizzes, readings, vocabulary practice, and more – that students complete outside of class to build their English, subject knowledge, and skills. Teachers use data from these activities to better understand class and individual progress.

Because FLAs mirror what students encounter in their first year of university, they also develop key skills such as time management, self-motivation, academic independence, and effective study habits.

Live Lessons

Live Lessons take many forms – lectures, tutorials, labs, and workshops – giving students different ways to build knowledge and skills. Attendance is recorded at every session, as active participation is a key factor in student success. We have clear requirements and follow-up processes to ensure students attend and make the most of these opportunities.

Assessment

Our courses are assessed through internal assessments (usually 50%) and final examinations (usually 50%). The internal assessments are made up of different modes of assessments, including tests, presentations, group work, FLAs. This means that students get many opportunities, spread out over their programme, to show their learning.

Example assessment schedule: AUTCFS Algebra

ASSESSMENT	WHEN	MODE	WEIGHTING
Test: Fundamental Algebra	Week 3	Supervised test	30%
Test: Functions and Polynomials	Week 5	Supervised test	30%
Test: Exponents and Trigonometry	Week 7	Supervised test	30%
Flexible Learning Activities	Throughout	Unsupervised	10%

Example assessment schedule: AUTCFS Media

ASSESSMENT	WHEN	MODE	WEIGHTING
Test: Film Narrative and Language	Week 3	Supervised test	25%
Short Film Project	Week 4-7	Group project	50%
Critical Reflection	Week 8	Supervised writing	25%

FURTHER STUDY & LIFE

Study and life skills

Through our orientation programme, mentor programme, and a range of activities, we help students develop the broader study and life skills they need to succeed at university and beyond. These include:

- Time Management – balancing study, deadlines, and personal commitments
- Resource Management – using tools, materials, and support effectively
- Learning Management – taking ownership of learning and study strategies
- Self-Management – building resilience, motivation, and independence
- Collaboration – working effectively with others in academic and professional settings

Study planning

With support from our college-based teams and our close partnerships with universities, students receive guidance in planning their future studies and career pathways. This includes advice on:

- Undergraduate degrees
- Undergraduate majors
- Employment opportunities
- Further study options

92%+

Student satisfaction rate for subjects and teachers in 2024.



DEGREE OPTIONS

Transition to university

AUT offers a wide range of undergraduate courses for you to choose from for your packaged offer. Our Education Counsellor is available to offer their expertise if you want to learn more about your chosen undergraduate degree. Once you successfully complete your foundation course, you will be awarded with a completion certificate from AUT.

Faculty	Programme
Culture and Society	Bachelor of Arts (Creative Writing, Criminology and Criminal Justice, Culinary Arts, Education, Event Management, Global Tourism, History, International Studies, Interpreting, New Zealand Sign Language and Deaf Studies, New Zealand Sign Language - English Interpreting, Psychology, Social Sciences)
	Bachelor of International Hospitality Management (Hospitality Management)
	Bachelor of Education [Specialty] Teaching (Early Childhood, Primary) (available at North and South campuses)
Business, Economics and Law	Bachelor of Business (Accounting, Economics, Finance, Human Resource Management and Employment Relations, Information Systems, International Business and Strategy, Management and Leadership, Marketing)
	Bachelor of Laws
Design and Creative Technologies	Bachelor of Architecture and Future Environments
	Bachelor of Communication Studies (Advertising and Brand Creativity, Digital Communication, Journalism, Public Relations, Radio and Audio Media, Screen Production)
	Bachelor of Construction (Construction Management, Quantity Surveying)
	Bachelor of Design (Animation, Visual Effects and Game Design; Communication Design; Fashion Design; Industrial Design; Interaction Design; Spatial and Interior Design)
	Bachelor of Visual Arts (Painting, Printmaking and Drawing; Photography, Sculpture and Moving-image)
	Bachelor of Science (Analytics, Mathematical Modelling and Computation)
	Bachelor of Computer and Information Sciences (Computer Science, Data Science, Digital Services, Networks and Cybersecurity, Software Development)
Health and Environmental Sciences	Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) (Architectural Engineering; Civil Construction Engineering; Electrical and Electronic Engineering; Maritime Engineering; Mechanical Engineering, Mechatronics Engineering; Software Engineering)
	Bachelor of Engineering Technology (Electrical and Electronic Engineering, Mechanical Engineering)
	Bachelor of Health Science (Case Management, Counselling, Health Management, Public and Environmental Health)
	Bachelor of Health Science (Midwifery)
	Bachelor of Health Science (Nursing)
	Bachelor of Health Science (Occupational Therapy)
	Bachelor of Health Science (Oral Health)
Bachelor of Health Science (Physiotherapy)	
Bachelor of Health Science (Podiatry)	
Bachelor of Science (Biological Science, Biomedical Science, Chemistry, Environmental Science, Food Science, Marine Science)	
Bachelor of Sport, Exercise and Health (Health and Physical Education, Sport and Exercise Science, Sport Leadership and Management)	

Please note that the conditional Bachelor offer for AUT is a preliminary offer only. Students must complete their full application upon starting the Foundation course. The availability of the selected program and intakes may change, and final decisions are at the discretion of the universities.

AUT CERTIFICATE IN FOUNDATION STUDIES

Learn more about Foundation Studies



The AUT Certificate in Foundation Studies is issued by UP Education on behalf of Auckland University of Technology.

Who is this programme for?

Students who are currently studying at New Zealand secondary school Year 12 (NCEA Level 2), or

- Grade 11/12 (Asia), or
- Second/third year of senior high school, or equivalent
- For students who do not meet the requirements above, there is a Foundation Connect option. Refer to page 24.

Prepare to study at university

- Skills for studying, in English
- Academic reading and writing
- Learn about academic integrity, e.g. APA referencing
- Learn presentation skills and meet new friends in group projects
- Develop critical thinking skills
- Learn independent study skills

Subjects

Core

- English I
- English II
- Tertiary Study Skills
- Culture and Society

Elective

- **Mathematics:** Algebra, Statistics
- **Sciences:** Organisms and the Environment, Cell Biology and Energetics, Physics – Electricity, Physics – Mechanics
- **Arts:** Design and Society I, Design and Society II, Media Studies I, Media Studies II, Modern New Zealand History
- **Commerce:** Macroeconomics, Microeconomics, Management Studies, Marketing, Tourism I – The Industry, Tourism II – Globalisation and Sustainability

Note: Availability of subjects might change each term.

Enrol in a Certificate in Foundation Studies programme and receive:

1. An offer of place for the Certificate in Foundation Studies
2. A conditional offer of place for an undergraduate degree course at AUT (successfully complete the Certificate in Foundation Studies and receive an unconditional offer)

To enter an AUT undergraduate programme:

- Achieve a minimum of 55% in English I, 60% in English IIA, 65% in English IIB and 50% in two other core subjects.
- Achieve 50% or better in optional academic subjects (some degrees require higher marks). See page 14 for more details.

Assessments

We prepare students for assessments that will get them into AUT's degree programmes. Our assessments are benchmarked against international standards and are a stepping stone to achievement.

All assessments are internally assessed. The final mark for subjects is made up of a combination of tests, assignments, projects and presentations.

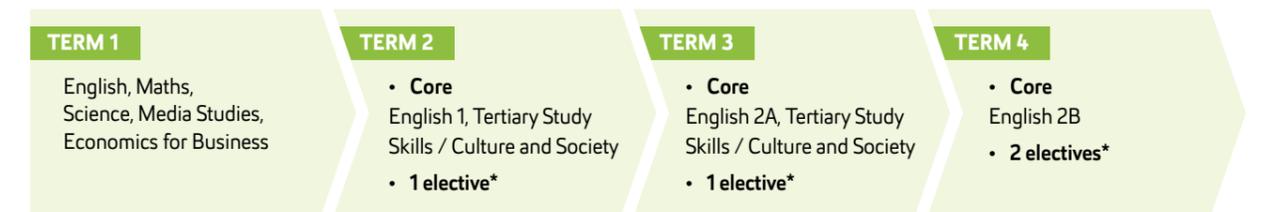


Sample course progression

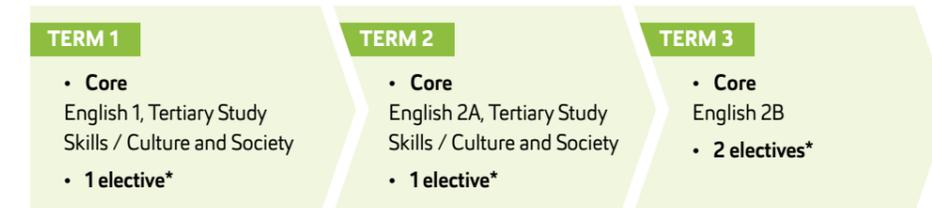
Programme option	English requirement	2026												2027											
		J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Accelerated (6 months)	IELTS 6.0 (min. 5.0 in all bands) or equivalent)	Degree																							
		Degree												Degree											
		Degree												Degree											
Fast-track (8–9 months)	IELTS 5.5 (min. 5.0 in all bands) or equivalent)	Degree																							
		Degree												Degree											
		Degree												Degree											
Standard (12 months)	IELTS 5.0 (min. 4.5 in all bands) or equivalent)	Degree																							
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Course structure

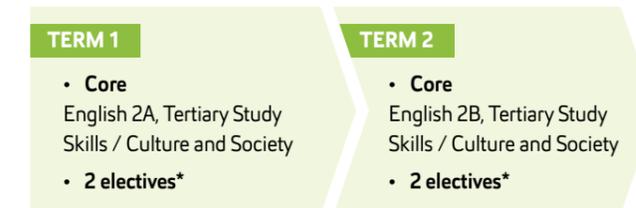
Standard (4 terms)



Fast-track (3 terms)



Accelerated (2 terms)



*Choose electives from those offered in Mathematics, Sciences, Arts or Commerce.

"UP International College helped bridge that gap by introducing me to the academic culture, social environment, and study methods needed to succeed. Not only did this programme equip me with the knowledge and confidence to approach university life, but it also made my transition to New Zealand much smoother, ensuring I felt prepared and ready when stepping into AUT."

Emma from Vietnam
Graduate of the AUT Certificate in Foundation Studies | Currently studying Bachelor of Design in Communication Design at AUT



Read Emma's full story



DEGREE PROGRESSION REQUIREMENTS FOR AUT

Learn more about progression requirements



For Certificate in Foundation Studies students applying for entry to AUT in 2025:

- All AUT undergraduate degree offers require the following minimum University Entrance (UE) marks from the Certificate in Foundation Studies.
- Achieve a minimum of 55% in English I, 60% in English IIA, 65% in English IIB and 50% in both Tertiary Study Skills and Culture and Society.
- Achieve 50% or better in four optional academic subjects (some degrees require higher marks).

Undergraduate degree	Minimum University Entrance marks (out of 400) For four academic courses	Semester intake	Programme length (years)	Additional requirements	Minimum English Language requirements
CULTURE AND SOCIETY Bachelor of Arts (Creative Writing, Criminology and Criminal Justice, Culinary Arts, Education, Event Management, Global Tourism, History, International Studies, New Zealand Sign Language and Deaf Studies, Psychology, Social Sciences)	200	February and July	3		English II (65% minimum), or IELTS 6.0 overall (with no band below 5.5), or equivalent #
Bachelor of Arts (Interpreting, NZSL-English Interpreting)	200	February and July (NZSL February Only)	3	Interview, listening test and writing test	English II (65% minimum) and IELTS 7.0 overall with a minimum of 7.0 in Speaking and Writing and a minimum of 6.5 in Reading and Listening
Bachelor of Education (Specialty) Teaching (Early Childhood, Primary) (available at North and South campuses)	200	February and July	3	Police clearance, referee reports, disclosure form/ personal declaration, interview, literacy and numeracy assessments. Must meet the Teaching Council of Aotearoa New Zealand requirements.	English II (65% minimum) and IELTS 7.0 overall with a minimum of 7.0 in all bands
Bachelor of International Hospitality Management (Hospitality Management)	200	February and July	3		English II (65% minimum), or IELTS 6.0 overall (with no band below 5.5), or equivalent #
BUSINESS, ECONOMICS & LAW Bachelor of Business (Accounting, Economics, Finance, Human Resource Management and Employment Relations, Information Systems, International Business and Strategy, Management and Leadership, Marketing)	200	February and July	3		English II (65% minimum), or IELTS 6.0 overall (with no band below 5.5), or equivalent #
Bachelor of Laws	200	February	4		English II (65% minimum), or IELTS 6.0 overall (with no band below 5.5), or equivalent #
DESIGN AND CREATIVE TECHNOLOGIES Bachelor of Architecture and Future Environments	240	February	3		English II (65% minimum), or IELTS 6.0 overall (with no band below 5.5), or equivalent #
Bachelor of Communication Studies (Advertising and Brand Creativity, Digital Communication, Journalism, Public Relations, Radio and Audio Media, Screen Production)	260	February	3		English II (65% minimum), or IELTS 6.0 overall (with no band below 5.5), or equivalent #
Bachelor of Construction (Construction Management, Quantity Surveying)	200	February	3		English II (65% minimum), or IELTS 6.0 overall (with no band below 5.5), or equivalent #
Bachelor of Computer and Information Sciences (Computer Science, Data Science, Digital Services, Networks and Cybersecurity, Software Development)	200	February and July	3	Must have passed Algebra and Statistics	English II (65% minimum), or IELTS 6.0 overall (with no band below 5.5), or equivalent #
Bachelor of Design (Animation, Visual Effects and Game Design; Communication Design, Fashion Design, Industrial Design, Interaction Design, Spatial and Interior Design)	240	February	3		English II (65% minimum), or IELTS 6.0 overall (with no band below 5.5), or equivalent #
Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) (Architectural Engineering, Construction Engineering, Civil Engineering, Electrical and Electronic Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Mechatronics Engineering, Software Engineering)	300	February and July	4	Must achieve a minimum of 65% in at least two of Algebra and Statistics	English II (65% minimum), or IELTS 6.0 overall (with no band below 5.5), or equivalent #
Bachelor of Engineering Technology (Electrical and Electronic Engineering, Mechanical Engineering)	240	February and July	3	Must have passed Algebra, and Statistics	English II (65% minimum), or IELTS 6.0 overall (with no band below 5.5), or equivalent #
Bachelor of Science (Analytics, Mathematical Modelling and Computation)	200	February and July	3	Must have passed Algebra and Statistics	English II (65% minimum), or IELTS 6.0 overall (with no band below 5.5), or equivalent #
Bachelor of Visual Arts (Painting, Printmaking and Drawing; Photography, Sculpture and Moving-image)	240	February	3		English II (65% minimum), or IELTS 6.0 overall (with no band below 5.5), or equivalent #

Undergraduate degree	Minimum University Entrance marks (out of 400) for four academic courses	Semester intake	Programme length (Years)	Additional requirements	Minimum English Language requirements
Bachelor of Health Science	200	February and July	3	Must be capable of meeting Vulnerable Children's Act (VCA Act) requirements, including police vetting and referee reports	English II (65% minimum), or IELTS 6.0 overall (with no band below 5.5), or equivalent #
Bachelor of Health Science (Case Management, Counselling, Health Management, Public and Environmental Health)	200	February	3	Must be capable of meeting Vulnerable Children's Act (VCA Act) requirements, including police vetting and referee reports	English II (65% minimum), or IELTS 6.0 overall (with no band below 5.5), or equivalent #
Bachelor of Health Science (Paramedicine) ∞	275	February and July	3	Clean, full drivers licence. Must be capable of meeting Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act (HPCA Act) and Vulnerable Children's Act (VCA Act) requirements, including police vetting, immunisation screening and referee reports. At least one subject from Biology, Chemistry, Algebra, Statistics.	English II (65% minimum) and IELTS 6.5 overall with no band below 6.5
Bachelor of Health Science (Perioperative Practice) ∞	275	February and July	3	Must be capable of meeting Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act (HPCA Act) and Vulnerable Children's Act (VCA Act) requirements, including police vetting, immunisation screening and referee reports.	English II (65% minimum) and IELTS 6.5 overall with no band below 6.5
Bachelor of Health Science (Psychology)	200	February	3	Must be capable of meeting Vulnerable Children's Act (VCA Act) requirements, including police vetting and referee reports	English II (65% minimum), or IELTS 6.0 overall (with no band below 5.5), or equivalent #
Bachelor of Health Science (Midwifery)* ∞	275	February	4	Must be capable of meeting Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act (HPCA Act) and Vulnerable Children's Act (VCA Act) requirements, including police vetting, immunisation screening and referee reports, at least one subject from Biology, Chemistry, Algebra, Statistics	English II (65% minimum) and IELTS 7.0 overall with Writing and Reading not less than 6.5 and Listening and Speaking not less than 7.0
Bachelor of Health Science (Nursing)* ∞	275	February and July	3	Must be capable of meeting Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act (HPCA Act) and Vulnerable Children's Act (VCA Act) requirements, including police vetting, immunisation screening and referee reports. At least one subject from Biology, Chemistry, Algebra, Statistics	English II (65% minimum) and IELTS 6.5 overall with no band below 6.5
Bachelor of Health Science (Occupational Therapy, Podiatry)* ∞	275	February	3	Must be capable of meeting Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act (HPCA Act) and Vulnerable Children's Act (VCA Act) requirements, including police vetting, immunisation screening and referee reports	English II (65% minimum) and IELTS 7.0 overall with no band below 6.5
Bachelor of Health Science (Physiotherapy)* ∞	275	February	4	Must be capable of meeting Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act (HPCA Act) and Vulnerable Children's Act (VCA Act) requirements, including police vetting, immunisation screening and referee reports	English II (65% minimum) and IELTS 7.0 overall with no band below 6.5
Bachelor of Health Science (Oral Health)* ∞	275	February	3	Must be capable of meeting Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act (HPCA Act) and Vulnerable Children's Act (VCA Act) requirements, including police vetting, immunisation screening and referee reports. At least one subject from Biology, Chemistry, Algebra, Statistics	English II (65% minimum) and IELTS 7.0 overall with no band below 6.5
Bachelor of Medical Laboratory Science* ∞	200	February	4	Applicants must be capable of meeting the requirements of the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance (HPCA) Act, including police vetting and immunisation screening. They must have studied one mathematics subject, as well as Chemistry and Biology. Prior study in Chemistry will be considered on a case-by-case basis.	English II (65% minimum) and IELTS 6.5 overall with no band below 6.0
Bachelor of Science (Biological Science, Biomedical Science, Chemistry, Environmental Science, Food Science, Marine Science)	200	February and July	3	Preference will be given to applicants who have studied at least two science subjects, particularly those who have completed Chemistry or a related subject.	English II (65% minimum), or IELTS 6.0 overall (with no band below 5.5), or equivalent #
Bachelor of Sport, Exercise and Health (Health and Physical Education, Sport and Exercise Science, Sport Leadership and Management)	200	February and July	3	Must be capable of meeting Vulnerable Children's Act (VCA Act) requirements, including police vetting and referee reports	English II (65% minimum), or IELTS 6.0 overall (with no band below 5.5), or equivalent #

Please note that the conditional Bachelor offer for AUT is a preliminary offer only. Students must complete their full application upon starting the Foundation course. The availability of the selected programme and intakes may change, and final decisions are at the discretion of the universities.

* The professional body (Registration Board) may impose additional requirements at registration. The requirements detailed in the current AUT Calendar take precedence if different from those on this page.

∞ Limited places. Successful completion of the Certificate in Foundation Studies does not guarantee entry into these degrees.

Students who gain an English II grade of C- to C+ may submit an IELTS (Academic) score for programme entry. The required score for each programme is listed in the current AUT Calendar. Students who achieve B- in English II are deemed to have met the English language entry of 6.0, while B or higher is deemed equivalent to a minimum IELTS 6.5. Students who achieve less than the stipulated grade in English II are required to present an IELTS score in addition to a C pass (C- to C+) in this subject.

Academic advisers can provide further advice on courses most likely to provide the best foundation for selected degrees. 'Academic courses' refers to the four subjects taken in addition to Tertiary Study Skills, Culture & Society, English I and II in the Foundation Studies programme. Students must complete the full requirements of 120 points, and gain C- passes or higher in all subjects to be awarded University Entrance (UE) and the certificate.

A = Excellent
B = Very Good
C = Pass
D = Fail

A+ = 90%
B+ = 75-79%
C+ = 60-64%

A = 85-89%
B = 70-74%
C = 55-59%

A- = 80-84%
B- = 65-69%
C- = 50-54%

Automatic admission to the degrees listed requires the minimum marks (where stipulated) and approval of published additional requirements, in addition to completion of the Certificate in Foundation Studies. The above information is correct at time of printing and is subject to change.

FOUNDATION CONNECT

Learn more about Foundation Connect



Delivered by UP Education, Foundation Connect provides a comprehensive, English-rich curriculum to prepare students for the Certificate in Foundation Studies (Level 3). This six-month extension programme allows students to develop their English skills, confidence and apply these English skills in an academic setting. Foundation Connect includes engagement in Mathematics and academic courses to give students a broader foundation for future learning.

The programme is marketed as Foundation Connect and the programme name is registered as an 'Intensive General English Course' at NZQA.

Course structure

There are two core subjects (English and English for Mathematics) and two academic subjects per term. These academic subjects will be used to prepare students for their future academic studies and contextualise their academic English usage.

- English: 11 hours per week
- English for Mathematics: 3 hours per week and 1 Flexible Learning Activity (FLA)
- Academic subjects: 3 live lessons and 1 FLA; students do four academic subjects with two in the first term and two in the second term

The academic subjects available are usually: Business; Science; Humanities (Geography) and Media.

Each term:

- English: 9 live lessons per week
- Maths: 3 live lessons and 1 FLA per week
- 2 Academic subjects: 3 live lessons and 1 FLA

Assessments

Foundation Connect will have a combination of internal assessments and exams with a minimum of 40% of the assessment weightings being exams.

Progression requirements

To accept your conditional offer for the Auckland University of Technology Certificate in Foundation Studies, you must meet the minimum progression requirement of a 50% pass in all subjects.

Some important notes:

In exceptional cases, students with outstanding work ethic and academic results may be considered for a fast-track programme, subject to academic staff discretion.

If a student needs to re-sit subjects to meet progression grades, an individual study plan will be provided by the academic team. A student failing a Foundation Connect course more than twice cannot re-enrol.

Visas and offers

Foundation Connect students apply for their visa through UP International College New Zealand. Upon completion, they receive a firm offer for the Standard-length Certificate in Foundation Studies from AUT, with a visa issued by the university.

Students can also opt for a pathway visa covering all 3 courses:

- Foundation Connect
- The AUT Certificate in Foundation Studies
- AUT degree



Read Seeun's full story

"I am most excited about studying alongside students from all over the world and sharing diverse cultures and perspectives. In addition, through UP International College's curriculum, I hope to build the academic foundation required for university entry and further strengthen my academic English skills. I believe this will help me adapt quickly to New Zealand's university teaching style and give me the confidence to successfully pursue my future major."

Seeun from South Korea
Student of the AUT Certificate in Foundation Studies (scholarship recipient)

PATHWAYS LINK PROGRAMME

Learn more about Pathways Link



This programme aims to equip you with essential foundational knowledge, skills, and the confidence necessary to excel in your future Foundation studies. The accelerated one-year programme will offer successful students entry into the AUT Foundation Studies programmes. PLP is an innovative educational initiative designed specifically for international students aged 14-17 who have recently finished their junior high school education and aspire to study abroad.

Pathways Link is registered as 'Pathways Link - L1A and L1B (Level 1) (Training Scheme)' at NZQA.

Sample course progression



*The duration of your degree at AUT may vary depending on your individual study plan and course selection. Please note that the sample course progression above is provided for illustrative purposes only.

Intake/ Month	2026												2027												2028											
	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Feb Intake	Pathways Link												Foundation Studies												>Degree											
Jul Intake	Pathways Link												Foundation Studies												>Degree											

Course structure

The Pathways Link Programme supports younger international students with a nurturing environment and a broad curriculum to build English skills, prepare for Foundation Studies, and explore future degree options.

Example subjects studied are:

- **PLP1A:** English, Maths, Biology, Economics, Global Studies
- **PLP1B:** English, Maths, Physics, Business, Media Studies

There will be regular opportunities for individual and team games and sports, using different locations across Auckland. Students should bring physical education clothing and shoes.

A package offer and visa

A package offer will be issued to students, which includes the Pathways Link Programme, the AUT Certificate in Foundation Studies, and the AUT Bachelor's degree. Students may then apply for a pathway student visa, subject to Immigration New Zealand requirements.

Progression requirements

To accept your conditional offer for the Auckland University of Technology Certificate in Foundation Studies, students must meet the minimum progression grades:

- English 60%
- Minimum score in all academic subjects 50%
- Pass all Learning Outcomes



Watch what our PLP students are learning



LIFE ON CAMPUS

Learn more about student life



Academic learning is the key to success, but learning outside the classroom is equally valuable. We encourage our students to make friends, have fun and fully embrace all aspects of New Zealand or Australian life. 1,000+ students from 50+ countries study at UP Education. Our main New Zealand campus is in the heart of central Auckland, with a second campus in Wellington where the Victoria University of Wellington Foundation Studies Programme is offered.

Recreation and sports

Sport and Recreation provide a wide range of facilities and services to students. If you're keen on sport you could sign up for one of the UNIM8S Social Sports Leagues, or represent your faculty in the Interfaculty Sports Championship.

Recreation membership includes access to a wide range of group fitness classes, weights and cardio equipment. We also offer additional programmes and services such as boxfit, selfdefence, personalised programmes and much more.



Library

Library serves as a dynamic academic hub, supporting students' studies and personal growth. With its extensive collection of learning resources—including textbooks and academic journals—the library provides everything needed to deepen subject knowledge and excel in research.

Students can access to modern study spaces, complete with quiet individual work areas and collaborative group zones, all equipped with high-speed Wi-Fi and computer facilities.

Student common room

The social hub of our International College campus – gather here to watch movies, play board games, study and socialise.

Open Hours: Monday to Friday – 08.30am until 5:30pm

Cafeteria

Here is your go-to energy hub between classes. More than just a dining space, our cafeteria serves as a lively social spot where friendships are forged.

From barista-made coffee to keep you alert during study sessions, to wholesome sandwiches and hot lunches that fuel your academic journey, we offer a variety of affordable, quality options for every taste.

Music room

Music room offers a creative sanctuary for students to explore their passion for music—whether through individual practice, collaborative jams, or official club rehearsals.

Fully equipped with professional instruments and sound systems, the space welcomes musicians of all levels.



Sample timetable

SDS = Self-directed study

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9:00-10:10	English	Statistics	SDS	SDS	Media
10:10-11:20	SDS	SDS	Media	English	Statistics
11:20-12:30	Media	English	Statistics	English	SDS
12:30-13:40	Statistics	TSS ¹	SDS	SDS	English
13:40-14:50	SDS	Media	SDS	Statistics	SDS
14:50-16:00	English	SDS	Media	SDS	Media
16:00-17:10	SDS	Statistics	SDS	TSS ¹	SDS

¹ TSS = Tertiary Study Skills
Please note that exact time of each class might be subject to change.

Living costs in Auckland

Cost of living*	Homestay estimated weekly cost in NZD
Accommodation	\$440
Electricity, water & gas	Included in homestay fee
Mobile phone plan	\$15
Public transport	\$0 - \$50
Food	Included in full-board homestay fee
Free time activities	\$50 - \$150

*Please note that this table is only applicable to Homestay prices. Costs can vary depending on lifestyle, accommodation, and hobbies and interests. However, for a reasonable standard of living, the estimated living cost per year is \$20,000 to \$27,000 NZD.

Additional costs

- Flights to and from New Zealand
- Tuition fees
- Clothes



"AUT stood out to me for its balance between student life and academics, and its strong focus on hands-on learning. It's not just about theory – you gain real, practical experience. The employability support they offer is also a great advantage."

Froilan from the Philippines
Graduate of the AUT Certificate in Foundation Studies |
Currently studying Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) at AUT



Read Froilan's full story

STUDENT SUPPORT

Getting started

Pre-arrival workshop

This Online Workshop is designed to help you feel confident and well-prepared before you begin your study journey in New Zealand. It covers everything from what to pack to the different accommodation options available, an overview of your academic journey, and the support services you can access throughout your studies.



Airport pick-up service

To help you arrive in New Zealand smoothly, we offer a convenient airport pickup service. A dedicated driver will meet you at Auckland Airport and take you to your accommodation. This service is especially recommended for first-time travellers to New Zealand.



Download Pre-Arrival Information Sheet

Medical and travel insurance

The Education (Pastoral Care of Tertiary and International Learners) Code of Practice 2021 requires all international students studying in New Zealand to have appropriate health and travel insurance during their period of study.

Allianz Partners is our preferred insurance provider. Enrolled international students will be charged Allianz's Studentsafe Inbound University insurance premium when enrolment is completed. You must pay this fee unless the University approves the use of an alternative insurance provider.

You must have approved insurance for the duration of your study and covering the duration of their visa or until they depart New Zealand, whichever comes first.

Note: Your Auckland University of Technology student ID number is also your insurance policy number. You are not automatically covered for pre-existing medical conditions. However, cover can be arranged in certain circumstances on application to Allianz before your programme starts.

Settling in Orientation

Orientation Week is the perfect introduction to your studies at our college. It's a great opportunity to meet fellow students, connect with the College Principal and staff, and get familiar with your new learning environment. You'll also finalise your subject selection during orientation.



Accommodation

🏠 Homestay

Available to all students, homestay is a great way of experiencing New Zealand culture and practising your English every day.

You will have your own room with a bed, desk, lamp and wifi, and all meals are included for full-board homestay option. Laundry is also included.

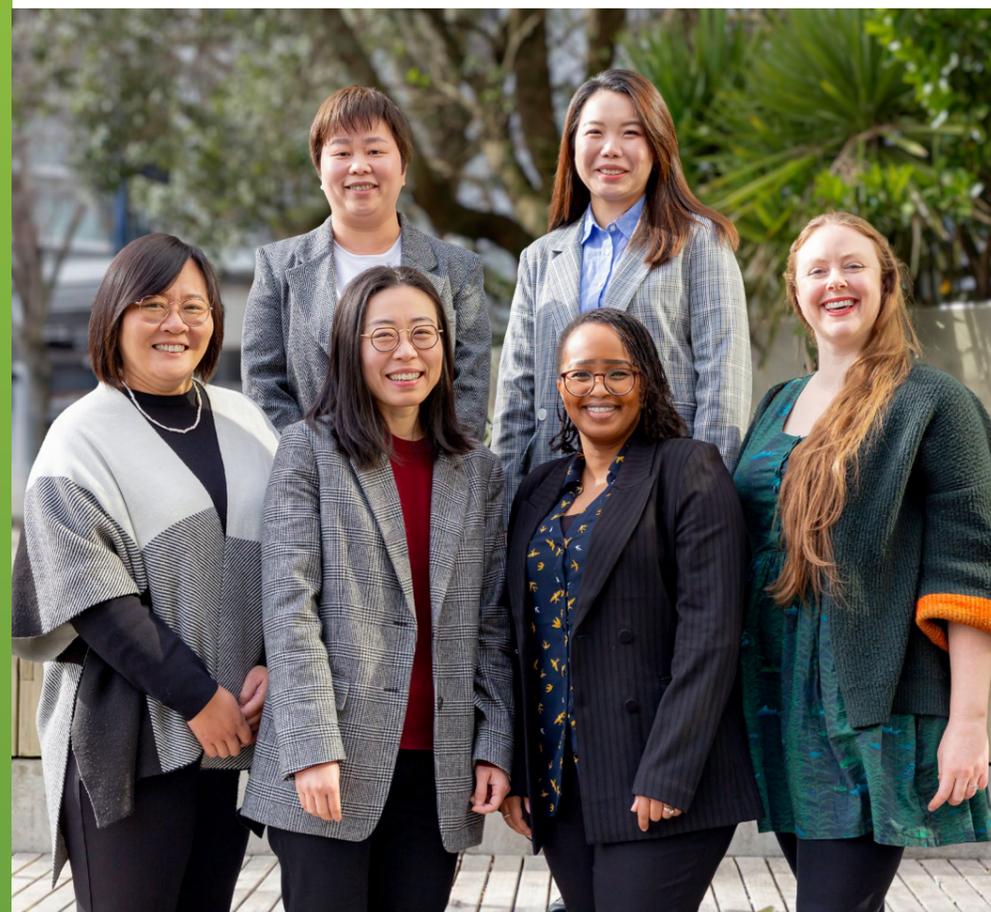
- All homestays are thoroughly checked – the family is interviewed and the home inspected.
- All homestay providers sign a contract agreeing to rules and standards and undergo a vetting procedure by New Zealand Police.
- All students under 18 are visited in their accommodation quarterly by authorised accommodation assessors.
- All payments to the homestay provider are made via the UP Education Student Fees Trust.
- A 24-hour call centre number is provided in case of emergency.

🏠 Other accommodation options

You could also choose to:

- Live with your parents
- Live with a designated caregiver (relative or family friend)
- Live in university accommodation
- Live in the student apartments (for students 18 and over only – this is the responsibility of the student or their parent/guardian or agent to arrange).

If you are under 18 at the start of your course, your accommodation arrangements must be approved by us.



Academic and wellbeing support

📄 Visa checking and monitoring

Visa status is regularly checked and monitored to ensure students remain compliant with immigration requirements. Students will receive timely reminders when their visas are close to expiring, and assistance is provided in communicating with Immigration New Zealand if any errors are identified on the visa.

📄 Attendance and academic progress monitoring

We regularly track each student's attendance and academic progress to ensure they are meeting programme requirements. If we notice any signs of concern—such as low attendance or declining grades—we will reach out early to offer support and help you get back on track.

🗣️ One-on-one support for practical or personal challenges

You can speak with our Learner Success Coordinators in person or via email if you're facing any difficulties, such as time management, adapting to a new study system, personal issues, or balancing work and study. No matter the issue, we're here to provide practical advice or connect you with the right resources.

🧠 Mental health & wellbeing support

Your mental health matters. Adjusting to a new environment can be challenging. Our team offers regular wellbeing check-ins to ensure you're coping well both mentally and emotionally.

You can also access a wide network of external support service through our Learner Success Team.

Help is always available, and you are encouraged to reach out.

Scholarships

🌟 International Excellence Scholarship

This scholarship is available for the Foundation programme and is awarded to students who demonstrate exceptional academic performance in their previous studies.

If you are interested in applying, please enquire with your agent or Regional Representative about the next steps.

🎓 Undergraduate Progression Scholarship

Progression scholarships are available to support the first year of undergraduate study at AUT for students progressing from Foundation Studies.

🎓 Foundation Connect Progression Scholarship

Students who successfully progress from Foundation Connect programme to Standard Foundation programme will be awarded a scholarship if they achieve top results. The scholarship will be awarded depending on their final grades.

🎓 Pathways Link Scholarship

The scholarship is available for students who apply and are accepted into the Pathways Link Programme in 2026.

Upon successful progression to the Foundation Studies Programme, there will be scholarships available.

🎓 AUT International Scholarship

AUT offers many scholarships for international students who want to study at AUT. To review all available scholarships for international students visit:

www.aut.ac.nz/int/scholarships



Learn more about scholarships

Please note: All scholarships are only applicable to students who pay international fees.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Academic requirements

Learn more about entry requirements



International Qualifications	Qualification	Standard (12 months)	Fast-track (8-9 months)	Accelerated (6 months)
Global Assessment Certificate - GAC	Level 2	2.6	2.6	3
International Baccalaureate - IB**	First year of IB diploma	Grade 4 in 2 relevant subjects	Grade 4 in 3 relevant subjects	Grade 4 in 4 relevant subjects
Cambridge International Examinations - O level/ IGCSE/GCSE* (forecast / prelim can also be accepted)		1 C grades and 3 D grades in four CIE official subjects.	2C and 2Ds in four CIE official subjects.	1B and 3Cs in four CIE official subjects
Cambridge International Examinations - A level*		40 UCAS points. Local language in AS Level is not accepted.	40 UCAS points. Local language in AS Level is not accepted.	48 UCAS points. Local language in AS Level is not accepted.
Country specific qualifications (Scan the QR code to find out more other countries)	Qualification	Standard (12 months)	Fast-track (8-9 months)	Accelerated (6 months)
New Zealand*	NCEA	30 credits at NCEA from mixed of level 2 or above. With no fewer than 6 credits in each of subjects (combined credits from related subjects)	30 credits at NCEA from mixed of level 2 or above. With no fewer than 6 credits in each of subjects (combined credits from related subjects)	34 credits at NCEA from mixed of level 2 or above. With no fewer than 6 credits in each of subjects (combined credits from related subjects)
		i.e., math combined credits from related subjects would be statistics, calculus and math etc	i.e., math combined credits from related subjects would be statistics, calculus and math etc	i.e., math combined credits from related subjects would be statistics, calculus and math etc
China <small>Note that GPA will be based on the average of all subjects for the study period of high school</small>	Senior High School and Vocational - Year 2	60%	65%	70%
	Senior High School and Vocational - Year 3		60%	65%
South Korea	High school certificate Year 2	55% or Rank 8	60% or rank 7	65% or Rank 7.0
	Korean High school graduation equivalency exam (GED)			60%
Country specific qualifications (Scan the QR code to find out more other countries)	Qualification	Foundation Connect (6 months)	Pathways Link Programme (12 months)	
New Zealand	NCEA	35 credits at level 1 with no fewer than 10 credits in each of 3 subjects including maths	Completion of Year 10 with a good school report, including satisfactory attendance (90%) and teacher comments. This assessment will be conducted by the Head of College	
China	Senior Highschool	Senior secondary year 1: 70%	-	
	Middle School	-	Completion of Middle School with Year 3 at 70%, or an average of 70% across all three years	
South Korea	High School	High school certificate year 1: 70%	-	
	Middle School	-	Completion of Middle School	
	GEE	-	70% in the Middle School GEE	

*Teachers' comments and attendance rate are considered to determine entry. An interview is applicable if studied in New Zealand. This information is to be used as a guide only to determine entrance. UP Education reserves the right to change the requirements at any time without prior notice.

English language requirements

Programme option	IELTS
Accelerated	6.0 and no band less than 5.0
Fast-track	5.5 and no band less than 5.0
Standard	5.0 and no band less than 4.5
Foundation Connect	4.5 and no band less than 4.0
Pathways Link	4.5 and no band less than 4.0

All students need to provide evidence of their English proficiency upon application.

- If you are an international applicant and your first language is not English, you will need to provide satisfactory evidence of your English proficiency.
- English is considered the first language of citizens of Canada, Ireland, Singapore, the United Kingdom and the United States of America.
- If you are a domestic applicant and your first language is not English, you will be asked to provide evidence of your competence in written and spoken English.

Admissions reserve the right to request the student to re-sit a particular section if the subscore is deemed too low.

UP ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEST (UPELT)

Learn more about UPELT



The UP English Language Test (UPELT) has been developed to provide prospective students with an opportunity to quickly obtain an English language score prior to enrolment into a programme of their choice.

The test is facilitated online by highly qualified and experienced staff. It consists of computer-based, hand-written, and examiner-led tasks. Test description and instructions for test preparation are made available to all prospective candidates in advance, and a practice test is provided. Measures are taken to ensure the integrity of the test.

The UPELT is facilitated every Wednesday afternoon (12pm NZ Standard Time). Bookings can be arranged through the UP Admissions Team, admissions@up.education.



UP English Language Test Summary

Part	Tasks	Time (Online)
Reading	3 short passages (approx. 300-400 words each) from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a textbook chapter or report an academic article or essay an academic abstract 	45 minutes
Listening	2 tracks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a conversation in an academic setting a part of a lecture 	20 minutes <i>(Plus time to record answers)</i>
Writing	1 essay, 220-250 words <ul style="list-style-type: none"> problem and solution cause and effect advantage and disadvantages compare and contrast 	40 minutes <i>(Plus time to upload the essay)</i>
Speaking	2 tasks led by an examiner: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a conversation on familiar topics a discussion of a topical issue 	10 minutes <i>(Plus time for preparation)</i>

One day before the test, candidates will be sent:

- Information about the UPELT and technical requirements
- The test security procedure
- Instructions on how to set up the room and desk for the test
- Demonstration of how to use two devices with cameras during the test
- Login instructions
- A practice test
- A Microsoft Teams link for joining the test

PROGRAMME OPTIONS AND FEES

Learn more
about programme
options and fees



Programme type	Foundation Studies			Foundation Connect*	Pathways Link*
	Accelerated	Fast-track	Standard	Progression to Foundation	Progression to Foundation
Duration	6 months (2 terms)	8-9 months (3 terms)	12 months (4 terms)	6 months (2 terms)	12 months (4 terms)
Tuition fees	NZ\$21,525	NZ\$26,775	NZ\$34,440	NZ\$18,533	NZ\$35,438
Resource fee	NZ\$1,100	NZ\$1,100	NZ\$1,100	NZ\$1,400	NZ\$2,300
Enrolment fee	NZ\$550	NZ\$550	NZ\$550	NZ\$550	NZ\$550
Assessment fee	NZ\$500	NZ\$500	NZ\$500	NZ\$500	-
2026 intake dates (incl. Orientation)	27 Jan, 20 Apr, 13 Jul, 28 Sep	27 Jan, 20 Apr, 13 Jul, 28 Sep	27 Jan, 20 Apr, 13 Jul, 28 Sep	27 Jan, 20 Apr, 13 Jul, 28 Sep	27 Jan, 13 Jul

*Students starting with Foundation Connect / Pathways Link Programme will pay the Resource, Enrolment, and Exam fees once and will not be charged again upon progression to Foundation.

ACCOMMODATION FEES

Homestay	NZD
Homestay Placement fee (one-off)*	\$350
Homestay Replacement fee (one-off)**	\$350
Standard Homestay - Full board***	\$440/week
Designated caregiver (DCG) - Under 18 only	NZD
DCG Assessment fee	\$350
DCG Reassessment fee (change DCG)+	\$250
Under 18 accommodation guarantee and service fees^	NZD
Per year	\$1,000
Per term	\$250

Additional fees	NZD
Urgent Booking fee - Full board (one off) applicable for bookings received within 7 days of arrival	\$440
Short-stay (less than 1 week) / Emergency homestay - Full board	\$130/night
Homestay Retainer^^	\$250/week
Airport pick-up	NZD
Airport transfer (Pick-up/drop-off) (one way per person)	\$150
Airport transfer - no show	\$80
Transfer of additional passenger	\$80
Transfer of additional luggage/oversized luggage	\$30/item
Airport check-in assistant and transfer for Under 18 learners	\$50

Insurance

Studentsafe Inbound	NZD
Medical and travel insurance (12 months)#	\$925
Medical and travel insurance (6 months)#	\$471

International students must have comprehensive medical and travel insurance while in New Zealand. Enrolled international students will be charged Allianz's Studentsafe Inbound University insurance premium when enrolment is completed. The final cost of insurance will depend on the length of requested insurance cover period.

Please note that Accommodation Placement Fee, Designated Caregiver Assessment Fee or Airport pick up fee are non-refundable once the arrangement is confirmed.

*If UP Education coordinates student accommodation.

**Fee charged when student requests a change of homestay for reasons deemed unacceptable, or if student frequently changes homestays (fee charged at discretion of the Accommodation team).

***Full-board - 3 meals a day are provided

+Fee charged when change to a new Designated Caregiver

^Allows for homestays for students under 18 to be checked once per term to ensure the Education Code of Practice requirements are being met.

^^Fee applies when students go away for more than seven days (6 nights) and want to keep the Homestay room.

HOW TO APPLY



Step 1. Application

- Visit Enroller, our online enrolment portal, where you will be able to set up your account and manage the entire enrolment process from application through to arrival.
enroller.app/up-education-university-partnerships/enrolment-application

Step 2. Acceptance

- Open the unconditional offer that you received from admissions@up.education
- Read through the electronic Confirmation of Enrolment (eCoE) Enrolment Acceptance Form and Summary of Terms Implied by Statute. Sign and initial at the requested sessions on the offer and send them back to admissions@up.education

Step 3. Payment

- Open browser on your computer/laptop/mobile/tablet and go to upic.flywire.com
- Change the language if you need by clicking the globe icon on the up-left side of the page.
- Choose the country that you are paying from and type in the NZD amount shown in the invoice on your unconditional offer.
- Follow the on-screen instructions to complete the payment.

Step 4. Visa application

Apply for your student visa online with Immigration New Zealand at www.immigration.govt.nz/process-to-apply/applying-for-a-visa/

Step 5. Enrolment

Once your payment is received, you will receive an email from admissions@up.education with your receipt.

Please pay attention to your email inbox, including spam and trash box, for emails from learnersuccess@up.education as they include important information such as orientation schedules, subject selection links and deadlines. Read the emails carefully and reply to their emails with requested information to complete your enrolment process.

If you have any questions about the application process, contact the Admission Team at admissions@up.education

KEY CONTACT DETAILS

Student support and services (academic, personal, and pre-arrival advice on student visa and insurance)
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Watch student life
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