University of Auckland – New Zealand

Facts

- Language of instruction: English
- Number of students currently enrolled: 33,000+
- Semester 1: July - November
- Semester 2: February - June
- Important information: The academic year runs from January to December. In order to allow you to start and finish your studies abroad on time, you will need to reverse the academic year at your host university (i.e. your semester 1 will be their semester 2 and vice versa). Academic calendar - https://www.auckland.ac.nz/en/for/current-students/cs-academic-information/cs-academic-dates.html

About the University

The University of Auckland is New Zealand’s leading university with a broad range of undergraduate subjects. University of Auckland is located in the heart of Auckland, a 5 minute walk from the main street in downtown Auckland. It is old by NZ standards and has a quad area like George Square with a travel agent, book shop, student job search and an International Student Information Centre.

Website: http://www.auckland.ac.nz/ua/is-360-auckland-abroad
https://www.auckland.ac.nz/en/study/international-students/study-options-for-international-students/study-abroad-and-exchange.html

What to expect

Application process

If you are allocated for an exchange at Auckland, you will be officially nominated by the Go Abroad Office and will then be provided with your detailed application instructions. You can ONLY apply if officially nominated.

Type of Application: The Auckland application is straightforward. The full application is completed online with some documents sent to the Go Abroad Office beforehand in order for us to nominate you.
## Academics

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<th>Course/ credit load</th>
<th>For information on credits please consult our credit guidance sheet: <a href="https://www.ed.ac.uk/global/exchanges/before-you-go/academic-matters">https://www.ed.ac.uk/global/exchanges/before-you-go/academic-matters</a></th>
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[https://www.auckland.ac.nz/en/study/study-options/find-a-study-option.html](https://www.auckland.ac.nz/en/study/study-options/find-a-study-option.html)  
Courses lists are posted in early November for the subsequent year. [https://cdn.auckland.ac.nz/assets/auckland/study/international-students/study-options/study-abroad-and-exchange/study-abroad-programme-options/Study%20Abroad%20Course%20Options%20Updated.pdf](https://cdn.auckland.ac.nz/assets/auckland/study/international-students/study-options/study-abroad-and-exchange/study-abroad-programme-options/Study%20Abroad%20Course%20Options%20Updated.pdf) |
| Course enrolment    | Details of enrolment will be provided in the offer of admission letter and students are unable to enrol until you have accepted your offer. More info can be found: [https://www.auckland.ac.nz/en/for/current-students/cs-academic-information/ae-enrolling-in-courses.html](https://www.auckland.ac.nz/en/for/current-students/cs-academic-information/ae-enrolling-in-courses.html) |
| Academic restrictions | Law exchange students can only take courses in the Law faculty.  
The following courses have very limited enrolment availability:  
**Psychology** and **Biological Science**  
**BBIM courses** showing a “9” in the middle of the catalogue number, e.g. ACCTG291  
**Courses showing the letter “G”**, e.g. PHYSICS107G”  
We recommend that students have a second choice option for each course with limited enrolment availability.  
The following courses are not available to exchange students:  
**Medicine, Pharmacy, Nursing**  
**A and B courses**, e.g. ARTHIST315A or POLICY250B  
Stage 1 **Fine Arts, Architecture** and **Planning**  
**Business Courses** 101, 102  
The Graduate School of Enterprise courses shown as “Graduate Programmes” |
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Foundation courses ending with the letters F or H, e.g. History 91F or MAORIHTH14H

Your final course selection must be agreed and approved with your Exchange Coordinator and any course changes made whilst you are away must have their approval.

Accommodation

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University accommodation is guaranteed for exchange students if you apply and pay the deposit by the deadline. The deadline for semester two full year students is usually May 1st. More information can be found on the links above. There are a variety of room options available from NZ$260-370 per week.

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Costs

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<th>Estimated cost of living</th>
<th>Your cost of living will depend on the type of accommodation you choose to live in. Students should expect to pay 20,000 to 25,000 NZD per year (380 to 480 NZD per week) for accommodation and day-to-day living expenses, including meals. For details please visit the links below.</th>
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<td>Banks</td>
<td>If you wish to open a bank account you will need to take your passport, a residential address in NZ, proof that you are a student and money or travellers cheques with which to make a deposit. It is advisable to at least take sufficient to cover expenses during your first month and also to take some dollars in cash to cover immediate expenses on arrival in NZ. Westpac Bank has been recommended by previous exchange students and their bank machines are everywhere. A credit card such as Access or Visa will prove useful for emergencies and you might consider increasing your credit limit. In addition to shops and services, credit cards can be used at certain banks to immediately obtain money from a British bank account. Further info: <a href="https://www.auckland.ac.nz/en/for/international-students/is-life-at-auckland/is-living-in-auckland-and-new-zealand/is-banking-in-new-zealand.html">https://www.auckland.ac.nz/en/for/international-students/is-life-at-auckland/is-living-in-auckland-and-new-zealand/is-banking-in-new-zealand.html</a> <a href="https://www.auckland.ac.nz/en/study/international-students/living-and-studying-in-auckland.html">https://www.auckland.ac.nz/en/study/international-students/living-and-studying-in-auckland.html</a></td>
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### Other

| Employment | Exchange students that are studying here for one semester only, are not allowed to work on a student visa and are not eligible to apply for a variation of conditions to a student visa. Under current regulations of the New Zealand Immigration Service, only exchange students that are undertaking a full-time tertiary course of study of at least one academic year and that are part of an approved tertiary student exchange scheme are able to work on a student visa. Eligible students can apply for a Variation of Conditions as part of their applications for a student visa (Student Visa Application (INZ 1012). A Variation of Condition allows eligible |
## Students to work a maximum of 20 hours in any given week, including holidays.

Full details of visa requirements, advice on rights to employment in New Zealand while studying as well as reporting requirements are available on the New Zealand Immigration Service website [http://www.immigration.govt.nz/](http://www.immigration.govt.nz/).


## Orientation

Auckland runs a week-long orientation programme which usually starts in the second week of **July**. We strongly advise students to attend the orientation week, as they provide helpful settling-in information and events that give students a wonderful opportunity to meet other students and make new friends.

Information on orientation is updated around two weeks before semester start at [http://www.auckland.ac.nz/uoa/lang/en/home/for/international-students/is-life-at-auckland/is-international-orientation-week](http://www.auckland.ac.nz/uoa/lang/en/home/for/international-students/is-life-at-auckland/is-international-orientation-week).

## Visas

You will be required to apply for a Visa for entry to New Zealand. Detailed information about how to apply can be found on the website: [http://www.auckland.ac.nz/uoa/is-applying-for-a-visa](http://www.auckland.ac.nz/uoa/is-applying-for-a-visa).

Students must apply to New Zealand Immigration ([http://www.immigration.govt.nz/](http://www.immigration.govt.nz/)) and obtain their student visa prior to entering New Zealand. Exchange students should not enter New Zealand on a visitor visa. There may be costs associated with your visa which you need to take into account when considering an exchange to NZ.

## Disability Statement

Some destinations may be more accessible than others for disabled students. If you require any adjustments due to disability or specific learning difficulty and you wish to study abroad please contact Thomas Ozers in the Go Abroad team ([Thomas.ozers@ed.ac.uk](mailto:Thomas.ozers@ed.ac.uk)). We will work together with you to explore the help available at your host institution. It may also be helpful if you discuss this with your Personal Tutor and the Disability Office as well.
What other students had to say about the University

The best part?

2015/16

“A whole new way of life.”

“It was fantastic to meet so many people from across the world, often very like-minded, and share such wonderful experiences together. The simple opportunity to live in a different country was amazing, let alone one as beautiful as NZ, and with a 3 month summer to explore it was incredible. With the connections I have made and walls that have been broken I feel a lot more confident about travelling to even more new places and visiting a lot of the very good friends I have made.”

“Summer holiday and travelling the country.”

2016/17

“The experience with local people. Travelling and road tripping around New Zealand and the involvement in extracurricular stuff.”

“Travelling New Zealand, and meeting so many amazing people.”

“I was able to meet many new people and travel across the country, while also being able to study my subject in a new environment.”

Advice for future exchange students

Accommodation

2015/16

“Book a hostel for two weeks, find flat on arrival!”

“I really enjoyed my time at Parnell Student Village. I found the environment to be very relaxed and sociable, and compared to what I heard and experienced about other accommodation I am very pleased with my choice. University and the CBD is further away compared to other accommodation, but there are regular buses and the walk through the park is really nice. Parnell is a great suburb for cafes, bars and restaurants as well. Really could not recommend it enough!”
2016/17

“Consider lots of options and think outside of the box. You don’t have to just go for the uni accommodation!”

“I would highly recommend Carlaw Park Student Village, although it is quite expensive. It is possible to find private accommodation which can be cheaper, especially if you share with many people.”

General advice

2015/16

“Auckland is the perfect place for an exchange programme. The city is very lively with plenty of events and decent nightlife. There are loads of day/weekend trips, and the weather, although changeable, is generally warm and pleasant with plenty of sunshine. Auckland is a great base for exploring NZ. It’s an unbelievably beautiful country with something for everyone and absolutely tonnes to see, and with 3 months off over Christmas you have plenty time to travel. The only downside is leaving!”

2016/17

“Take into account the changing exchange rate. Factor in travelling costs because New Zealand is incredible to travel around.”

“Be prepared to engage in much more self-motivated learning than at Edinburgh. Variable exchange rates are a huge factor in the expense of living abroad.”

“Accommodation and food will be very expensive – especially in supermarkets. Produce at open markets are often cheaper. Eating out is cheaper than in the UK. You need to be prepared for how high living costs are in Auckland.”

“Research your courses before applying.”