



VICTORIA UNIVERSITY OF  
**WELLINGTON**  
TE HERENGA WAKA

NEW ZEALAND



# Study Abroad and Exchange Wellington, New Zealand

**#1** IN NEW ZEALAND FOR  
RESEARCH INTENSITY\*

\* The latest Performance-Based Research Fund Quality Evaluation

**CAPITAL THINKING.  
GLOBALLY MINDED.**  
MAI I TE IHO KI TE PAE

# 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.



Image: WellingtonNZ.com



Explore New Zealand while you are here to study—your options for adventure are endless.



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](http://www.newzealand.com)



Image: WellingtonNZ.com

## NEW ZEALAND AT A GLANCE

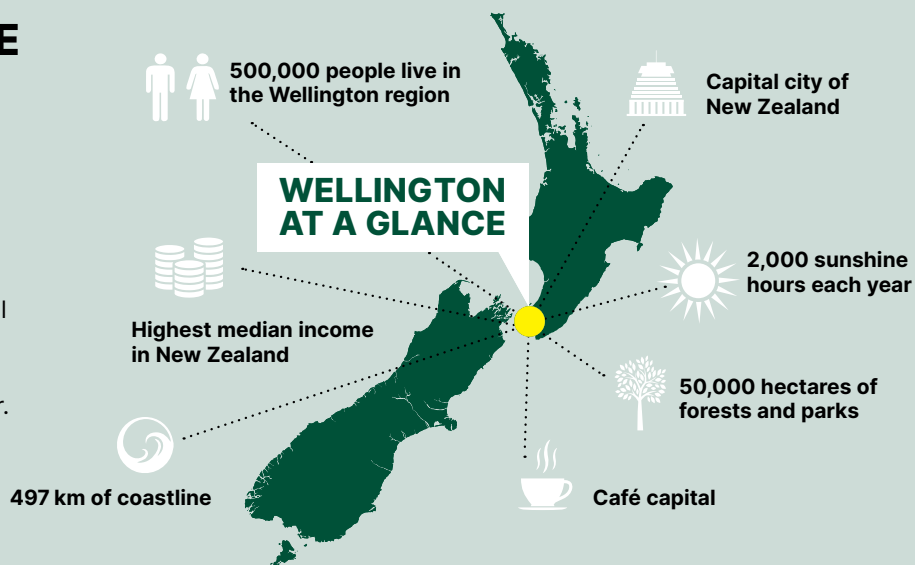
**MĀORI NAME:** Aotearoa  
**POPULATION:** 5 million  
**CAPITAL:** Wellington  
**LANGUAGES:** English, Māori, New Zealand Sign Language  
**CURRENCY:** New Zealand Dollar  
**WARMEST MONTHS:** January, February  
**COLDEST MONTHS:** July, August  
**GOVERNMENT:** Parliamentary democracy, member of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



# 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 the past 20 years. You can find Wētā Workshop, Te Papa national museum, and a lot more here.  
*(2020 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

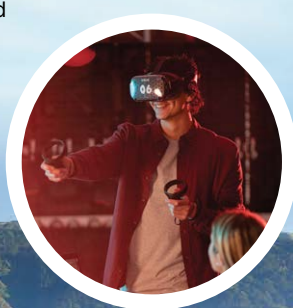
About 34 percent of people who live in Wellington were born outside of New Zealand, making it a diverse and welcoming city.  
*(2018 Statistics New Zealand)*

### 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.  
*(Deutsche Bank Quality of Life Survey)*

### 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)*



# VICTORIA UNIVERSITY OF WELLINGTON

Our students come from more than  
**100**  
countries  
around the world

**Top 1%**  
of the world's universities  
in 20 subject areas  
(2021 QS World University Rankings  
by Subject)

**ZERO**  
**CARBON** BY 2030™



**Top 100** in the world in 11 subjects  
(2021 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.

**3,800** 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**



**KELBURN**



**PIPITEA**



**TE ARO**



"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

# STUDY WHAT YOU LOVE

Victoria University of Wellington currently offers more than 170 different subjects. To find out more, go to

[www.wgtn.ac.nz/international/programmes](http://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'upu tau 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

## POLITICS AND PUBLIC POLICY

International Relations  
Migration Studies\*  
Political Communication  
Political Science  
Public Management\*  
Public Policy  
Strategic Studies\*

## PSYCHOLOGY

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

## SCIENCE

Applied Physics  
Biology  
Biomedical Science  
Biotechnology  
Cell and Molecular Bioscience  
Chemistry  
Clinical Immunology\*  
Data Science  
Drug Discovery and Development\*  
Geography  
Geology  
Geophysics (Meteorology, and Solid Earth)  
Human Genetics  
Molecular Microbiology\*  
Molecular Pathology  
Molecular Pharmacology and Medicinal Chemistry  
Physical Geography  
Physics  
Renewable Energy\*  
Science Communication  
Science in Society\*  
Space Science

## 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

# STUDENT EXPERIENCE

Join our vibrant campus community with students from more than 100 countries and have an unforgettable Study Abroad experience. Make new friends, enjoy the Kiwi lifestyle, and have fun!

## 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.

**i** [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.

**i** [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.

**i** [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.

**i** [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.

**i** [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.

**i** [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.

**i** [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




# ACCOMMODATION

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:



## 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



## 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



## 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

 [www.wgtn.ac.nz/accommodation/halls/profiles](http://www.wgtn.ac.nz/accommodation/halls/profiles)

## 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.

	APPLICATIONS OPEN	APPLICATIONS DUE	APPLICANTS NOTIFIED
<b>Trimester 1 (February)</b>	1 August	1 October	From mid-October
<b>Trimester 2 (July)</b>	1 April	1 May	From mid-May

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

## 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

# STUDY ABROAD OR EXCHANGE?



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](http://www.wgtn.ac.nz/student-exchange-partners)

## KEY DATES

ACADEMIC YEAR	APPLICATION DEADLINE
Trimester 1 (February–July)	1 December of the previous year
Trimester 2 (July–November)	1 May

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

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

If you need help with the process, or have any questions, contact [international@vuw.ac.nz](mailto: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](http://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](http://www.wgtn.ac.nz/international-scholarships)

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

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

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

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

## WATCH OUR VIDEOS

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

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