



UNIVERSITY OF  
**WAIKATO  
COLLEGE**  
*Te Kura Huanui*

NEW ZEALAND

# THE UNIVERSITY OF WAIKATO COLLEGE

PROSPECTUS 2025

PROGRESS TO A UNIVERSITY RANKED  
IN THE **TOP 250 WORLDWIDE**

QS World University Rankings 2024

RANKED **#1 IN  
NEW ZEALAND**  
FOR RESEARCH

QS World University Rankings 2024



FOR THE PEOPLE

# WHO WANT TO STUDY IN NEW ZEALAND

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NEW ZEALAND IS RANKED IN THE  
**TOP 10 HAPPIEST  
COUNTRIES IN THE WORLD**

World Happiness Report 2023

LIVE AND STUDY IN BEAUTIFUL  
NEW ZEALAND, RANKED THE  
**4TH SAFEST COUNTRY  
IN THE WORLD**

Global Peace Index 2023

Discover a vibrant learning environment at the University of Waikato College, designed to boost study skills, English language proficiency, and academic ability. Set the stage for your future success as you embark on your pathway to undergraduate and postgraduate studies with us.

Take the first step.  
**APPLY TODAY.**

## THE UNIVERSITY OF WAIKATO

The University of Waikato is an internationally recognised university, ranking in the top 250 globally\*. With a focus on academic excellence and innovation, students become known for making a difference in the world around them. The University prides itself on ensuring graduates are career-ready with a qualification recognised worldwide.

## INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNISED

- Top 250 University in the 2024 QS World University Rankings
- Ranked #1 in New Zealand for research\*
- The Waikato Management School holds a Triple Crown Accreditation, placing it firmly in the top 1% of business schools globally

\*QS World University Rankings 2024

## WAIKATO EXPERIENCE

The University campuses are bursting with life and energy. With smaller class sizes, better access to lecturers, affordable living, a wide range of support services, and dozens of student clubs, your student experience at Waikato will be exciting and rewarding.

## INDUSTRY READY

Each year, the University offers more than 2,000 industry placements and internships. Whether you're an undergraduate or postgraduate student, our partnerships and networks give you valuable opportunities to embed yourself in local and international organisations as part of your learning experience.

## TEACHING EXCELLENCE

Our students learn from award-winning lecturers and researchers who are committed to delivering you a world-class, innovative education.

## WELCOME TO NEW ZEALAND

Experience the beauty of New Zealand, a harmonious and diverse nation known for its breathtaking landscapes. With a forward-thinking approach, the country fosters both curiosity and innovation. Embracing indigenous cultural roots and sustainability, New Zealand is dedicated to preserving the planet for generations to come.

## HAMILTON

Situated on New Zealand's North Island in the picturesque Waikato region, is a thriving city and the hub of the region. Located just a one-and-a-half-hour drive south of Auckland, it's conveniently accessible for travel. The city is nestled along the banks of the Waikato River and is famous for its stunning gardens and parks, notably the world-renowned Hamilton Gardens. With a rich cultural scene, Hamilton hosts a variety of festivals and events, including the annual Balloons over Waikato event. The city's affordable cost of living, combined with its recreational opportunities and diverse landscapes, makes it an appealing choice for students and residents alike.



# CHOOSE YOUR PATH DISCOVER OUR RANGE OF COURSES

The University of Waikato College offers a range of programmes suitable for students at different stages of their academic journey. Whether you're looking to undertake an undergraduate degree, postgraduate degree, or simply improve your English fluency, the University of Waikato College is here to support you in achieving your academic goals. Now it's time to find the right programme for you.

## FOUNDATION STUDIES

The Certificate of Attainment in Foundation Studies is a pathway programme that prepares you for university studies. Students who pass all their papers and achieve a B- in their English language papers will gain entry to a range of degrees at the University. Please seek advice from the College on entry requirements specific to your chosen progression degree.

The duration of the programme is five months (one trimester) or eight to nine months (two trimesters), depending on a student's academic background and English language proficiency.

### Foundation Studies programme – standard

**Intakes:** February, July, November

**Programme length:** 8-9 months (2 trimesters)

**English entry requirements:** IELTS score of 5.5 (no band less than 5.0)

**Award:** Level 4 Certificate (NZQCF)

### Foundation Studies programme – accelerated

**Intakes:** February, July, November

**Programme length:** 5 months (1 trimester)

**English entry requirements:** IELTS score of 5.5 (with at least 5.5 in the Writing and one other band, and no band less than 5.0)

**Award:** Level 4 Certificate (NZQCF)

Find out more about the programme including fees, academic and additional English requirements and how to apply by visiting [college.waikato.ac.nz/international-programmes/programmes/foundation-studies-certificate](https://college.waikato.ac.nz/international-programmes/programmes/foundation-studies-certificate)



"I think the University of Waikato College and the University of Waikato education will help me to achieve my dream. I would recommend the University of Waikato College to other international students; it's a wonderful experience."

### OLIVIA (YUXIN) FROM CHINA

Completed the Foundation Studies programme at the University of Waikato College. Studying the Bachelor of Civil Engineering at The University of Waikato.





## ENGLISH LANGUAGE COURSES

Our English language programmes enhance the language skills of our international students while providing essential academic support. Our courses encompass English for academic writing, research, and critical analysis, creating a comprehensive approach that nurtures not only effective communication but also academic excellence. Guided by experienced and supportive teachers, students thrive both in their communication abilities and their academic studies.

## ACADEMIC ENGLISH

Our academic English programmes (Certificate of Attainment in English Language and Certificate of Attainment in Academic English) are designed for students who need to improve their English language skills in order to study an academic course. Passing Level 7 or 8 of the Academic English language programme with a B grade or better provides direct entry to degree study without the need for further IELTS testing. Please note that some quals (e.g. BTchg, MTchgLn) will still require students to meet English language requirements as they have an entry point of IELTS 7.0. The programme offers intakes in February, May, August, and October.

Find out more about the programme including fees, English requirements and how to apply by visiting [college.waikato.ac.nz/international-programmes/programmes/english-language-programmes/academic-english-language](https://college.waikato.ac.nz/international-programmes/programmes/english-language-programmes/academic-english-language)

## GENERAL ENGLISH

The General English course offers an exciting opportunity for people from around the world to learn everyday English in an English-speaking environment. The programme has a general focus suitable for students who need English for everyday contexts.

The General English programme includes core language skills and vocabulary, fluency and accuracy in listening, speaking, reading and writing.

Click here to find out more [college.waikato.ac.nz/international-programmes/programmes/english-language-programmes/general-english](https://college.waikato.ac.nz/international-programmes/programmes/english-language-programmes/general-english)

# ACCELERATE YOUR ACADEMIC JOURNEY

Undertaking an International Diploma or Pre-Masters Diploma will prepare you to start your chosen degree, whilst giving you extra support with academic English.

## INTERNATIONAL DIPLOMA (BUSINESS)

Kickstart your career in the business field with the International Diploma (Business). This programme incorporates the first-year papers of the Bachelor of Business with English language development, a complete programme of academic support, and other development activities to ensure you are well equipped to undertake higher education studies in New Zealand.

Once you have completed the International Diploma (Business), you will be eligible for direct entry into year two of the Bachelor of Business (BBus) at the Waikato Management School, a Triple Crown accredited business school.

### Programme information

#### English entry requirements:

An overall IELTS score of 5.5 (with no band less than 5.0), or equivalent.

**Academic entry requirements:** The equivalent of 32 NCEA Level 3 credits across three University Entrance approved subjects and numeracy.

**Duration:** 1 year (three trimesters)

**Intakes:** February, November

**Points:** 120

**Award:** Level 5 Diploma (NZQCF)

**Location:** Hamilton

Find out more [college.waikato.ac.nz/international-programmes/programmes/business](https://college.waikato.ac.nz/international-programmes/programmes/business)

### CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

- Accountant or auditor
- Banker (commercial or investment)
- Business analyst
- Business consultant
- Customer experience manager
- Digital business manager
- Economist
- Financial advisor
- Human resources advisor
- International trade advisor
- Logistics/Supply chain manager
- Marketing manager
- Operations manager
- Project manager
- Systems analyst
- Tourism or hospitality manager

## INTERNATIONAL DIPLOMA (COMPUTER SCIENCE)

Computer Science is rapidly changing the world we live in and there will be an increasingly high demand for qualified computer professionals in an ever-changing climate.

Once you have completed the International Diploma (Computer Science), you will be eligible to enrol into year two of the Bachelor of Science (BSc), majoring in Computer Science or Data Analytics, or the Bachelor of Computer Science (BCompSc) at the University of Waikato.

### Programme information

#### English entry requirements:

An overall IELTS score of 5.5 (with no band less than 5.0), or equivalent.

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Find out more about the programme including fees, additional academic and English requirements and how to apply by visiting [college.waikato.ac.nz/international-programmes/programmes/computer-science](https://college.waikato.ac.nz/international-programmes/programmes/computer-science)

### CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

There are plenty of career opportunities –including many jobs currently in demand in New Zealand\*\*

- Analyst Programmer
- Computer Network and Systems Engineer
- Database Administrator
- Developer Programmer
- ICT Business Analyst
- ICT Customer Support Officers
- ICT Project Manager
- ICT Quality Assurance Engineer

\*\*immigration.govt.nz



"I love programming and would like to become a web developer in the future, which is why I chose Computer Science. Hamilton is a multicultural and peaceful city. I love this place, the campus is really green. It's a good place for students to study."

### ELLA FROM CHINA

Completed the Certificate of Attainment in Foundation Studies at Waikato College.

Now studying a Bachelor of Engineering with Honours (Civil Engineering) at the University of Waikato.

THE UNIVERSITY OF  
WAIKATO RANKED EQUAL  
NUMBER TWO IN  
NEW ZEALAND FOR  
BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS

2024 Times Higher Education (THE)  
World University Rankings

## DIPLOMA IN POSTGRADUATE PREPARATION – PRE-MASTERS

The Diploma in Postgraduate Preparation - Pre-Masters (DipPP) aims to prepare international students for a postgraduate degree at the Waikato Management School, the School of Computing and Mathematical Sciences, the Faculty of Law, or Te Huataki Waiora School of Health

### Programme information

#### English entry requirements:

An overall IELTS score of 6.0 (with no band less than 5.5), or equivalent.

**Academic entry requirements:** At least 2 years' full time successful tertiary study and a qualification equivalent to NZQCF Level 6.

**Duration:** 8 - 9 months (two trimesters)

**Intakes:** July, November

**Points:** 120

**Award:** Level 7 Diploma (NZQCF)

**Location:** Hamilton

Find out more about the programme including fees, additional academic and English requirements and how to apply by visiting [college.waikato.ac.nz/international-programmes/programmes/dipp](http://college.waikato.ac.nz/international-programmes/programmes/dipp)

### PROGRESSION DEGREES

Successfully completing the Pre-Masters (DipPP)<sup>†</sup> means that you will be eligible to progress to a wide range of Masters programmes to enhance your academic knowledge, upskill and provide new career opportunities:

- Master of Applied Finance
- Master of Business and Management
- Master of Digital Business
- Master of Information Technology\*
- Master of Legal Studies\*
- Master of Management in Supply Chain Management
- Master of Nursing Practice\*
- Master of Professional Accounting

To gain admission to one of the five progression degrees in Business students need to complete the DipPP, which requires a pass in each of the six papers (a result of 50%/C- or more is required to pass a paper).

\*Progression to the 240-point Master of Information Technology requires a minimum GPA of 4.5. Progression to the Master of Legal Studies requires a B grade average. Progression to the Master of Nursing Practice requires a B grade average - Limited spaces available. Additional prerequisites for admission apply.



## TRIPLE CROWN ACCREDITATION

"Triple Crown accreditation" is a term found in business schools and reputable academic institutions of professional and career advancement. Receiving a certificate or degree from a school with a Triple Crown accreditation is worth its weight in gold in business and the achievement suggests not only the stellar reputation of the school but also the individual's strong work ethic and drive to excel in business overall. For more information visit [masterstart.com/blog/bright-future/triple-crown-accreditation-and-what-it-means](http://masterstart.com/blog/bright-future/triple-crown-accreditation-and-what-it-means)





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The University of Waikato was last audited in 2015 (Cycle 5) by the Academic Quality Agency (AQA) for New Zealand universities. The academic audit (Cycle 6) for the University is ongoing. Details are available on the University of Waikato website at [www.waikato.ac.nz/official-info/academic-audit](http://www.waikato.ac.nz/official-info/academic-audit)

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