



UNIVERSITY OF
**WAIKATO
COLLEGE**
Te Kura Huanui

NEW ZEALAND



University of Waikato College

Prospectus 2026

Progress to a university
placed **Top 281** worldwide*

Ranked **#1** in
New Zealand
for research**



*QS World University Rankings 2026

**By citations per faculty

Why choose New Zealand?



World Class Education



Multicultural Society



Safe and Peaceful
3rd most peaceful country*

*Global Peace Index 2025



Friendly Kiwi Culture



Work-life Balance



Why choose Hamilton?

Hamilton is in the Waikato region, which features mountains, a stunning coastline, and the Waikato River, New Zealand's longest. It offers affordable living, outdoor activities like hiking, surfing, and skiing, plus the perks of a less crowded setting.

University of Waikato College is just a short drive from Auckland, the country's largest city and international airport, keeping students globally connected.



Why study with University of Waikato College?



**A direct pathway to
University of Waikato
degree programmes**



Small, intimate classes



Most affordable
Hamilton as a major city
for student living*

*Based on infometrics.co.nz



Attractive Scholarships



**Free airport pick-up
and guaranteed
accommodation**



**Full access to
campus facilities
and services**



Our Programmes

University of Waikato College (UWC) offers a range of carefully curated Foundation and Diploma Programmes, designed to prepare international students for Undergraduate and Postgraduate study in New Zealand.



English Programmes

Academic English

Intakes: February, May, August and October

Duration: 10-week block

Fee: NZ \$6,480 per block (2026)

Progression: Gain direct access to undergraduate and postgraduate degree programmes without additional IELTS testing

The Academic English (Certificate of Attainment in English Language) programme focuses on maximising your progress in each of the four core English skills – speaking, writing, reading, and listening. You will also develop study skills that will help you learn more efficiently, build greater confidence, and prepare you for university-level studies.

Students will be required to provide evidence of their current English proficiency to determine the appropriate entry level. For tests accepted by the College visit: college.waikato.ac.nz/admissions/entry-requirements

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. You can study the General English programme from a minimum of three weeks, up to six months. Classes are offered from elementary to advanced levels, and can be full-time (23 hours per week) or part-time (15 hours per week).

Entry Requirements



Certificate of Attainment in Foundation Studies

Programme Information

The Certificate of Attainment in Foundation Studies is a pathway programme that prepares students for university studies and provides entry to most undergraduate degrees at the University of Waikato. The programme duration varies from four or five months (one trimester) to eight or nine months (two trimesters), depending on the student's academic background and English language proficiency. To gain entry to a range of degrees, students must pass all their papers and achieve at least a B- in their English language papers. For entry requirements specific to your chosen progression degree, please seek advice from the College.

Entry Requirements:



Foundation Studies Programme – Standard

Qualification: NZQFC Level 4

Intakes: March, July, November

Duration: 2 trimesters (8 months)

Points: 120

Fee: NZ \$28,088 (2026)

Progression: The first year of most Bachelor Degrees at the University of Waikato

Foundation Studies Programme – Accelerated

Qualification: NZQFC Level 4

Intakes: March, July, November

Duration: 1 trimester (4 months)

Points: 60

Fee: NZ \$14,044 (2026)

Progression: The first year of most Bachelor Degrees at the University of Waikato.



**Bachelors Degree from
The University of Waikato**

Year 3



Year 2



Year 1

UWC CAFS Programme



Basha

Certificate of Attainment in Foundation Studies (Accelerated) leading to Bachelor of Engineering with Honours – Software Engineering

"I wholeheartedly encourage other students to study here, as the faculty are fantastic, the community is warm and inclusive, and there is a wealth of student support and resources available."



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► Undergraduate Programmes

International Diploma (Business)

Programme Information

This diploma enables students to progress directly into the second year of a Bachelor of Business at the University of Waikato and takes a year to complete.

Qualification: NZQF Level 5

Intakes: March, November

Duration: 3 trimesters (12 months)

Points: 120

Fee: NZ \$33,176 (2026)

Progression: The second year of the Bachelor of Business (any major)

Triple Crown Accredited Business School*

(AACSB, Equis And AMBA)

"Triple Crown accreditation" is a hallmark of excellence for business schools and professional institutions. Earning a degree or certificate from such a school signifies the institution's stellar reputation and the individual's dedication to excelling in business. Learn more at: masterstart.com/blog/bright-future/triple-crown-accreditation-and-what-it-means.



Majors

Strategic Management, Marketing, Supply Chain Management, Public Relations, Leadership, Digital Business, Economics, Finance, Human Resources Management, Agribusiness, Accounting

Careers

Accountant or auditor, Banker, Business consultant, Customer experience manager, Digital business manager, Economist, Entrepreneur, Financial advisor, Human resources advisor, Logistics/Supply chain manager, Marketing manager, Operations manager, Policy analyst (e.g. Treasury), Project manager, Share broker

Entry Requirements:



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International Diploma in Business leading to Bachelor of Business - Public Relations

"Teachers at University of Waikato College possess deeper knowledge and awareness of various local cultural practices, often drawing from their own experiences. This helps students, especially international ones, better understand New Zealand's culture which are an advantage for those planning to work here in the future."

Bachelors Degree from The University of Waikato



International Diploma (Computer Science)

Programme Information

This diploma enables students to progress directly into the second year of a Bachelor of Computer Science, or a Bachelor of Science in Computer Science, or a Bachelor of Science in Data Analytics at the University of Waikato. It takes a year to complete.

Qualification: NZQF Level 5

Intake: March

Duration: 3 trimesters (12 months)

Points: 120

Fee: NZ \$35,102 (2026)

Progression: The second year of the Bachelor of Science (BSc) in Computer Science or Data Analytics; Or the second year of the Bachelor of Computer Science (BCompSc)

Careers

Programmer, Software Architect, Software Engineer, Systems Designer, Web Developer, Software Developer, Systems Engineer, User Experience (UX) Designer, Mobile/app Developer, Network Engineer

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The first...

University to be on the internet

AI institute and supercomputer for AI

Master's degree in Cybersecurity

Entry Requirements:



Diploma in Postgraduate Preparation (Pre-Masters)

Programme Information

The DipPP is a flexible programme allowing students to complete a project aligned to their chosen master's field. It is designed for students who do not hold a bachelor's degree that qualifies for direct entry into a master's programme, including those with an associate degree, advanced diploma, or a non-recognised bachelor's degree.

Qualification: NZQF Level 7

Intakes: March, July, November

Duration: 2 trimesters (8 months)

Points: 120

Fee: NZ \$30,640 (2026)

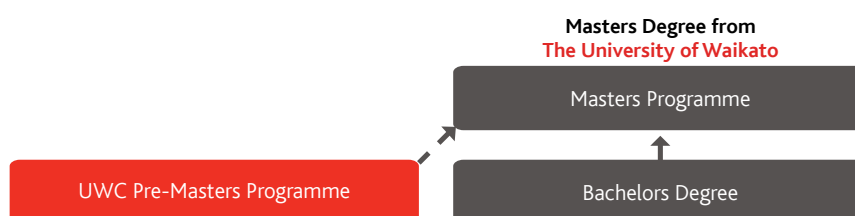
Progression Degrees

Successful completion of the DipPP enables students to progress to one of the following Masters degrees at the University of Waikato:

- Master of Business and Management
- Master of Data Science
- Master of Digital Business
- Master of Information Technology
- Master of Legal Studies
- Master of Nursing Practice*
- Master of Professional Accounting
- Master of Technology Innovation in Business
- Master of Environment and Society
- Master of Management (Supply Chain Management, Agribusiness, Business Analytics, Marketing, or Project Management)

*A competitive selection process applies

Entry Requirements:



Isabella

Pre-Masters, leading to the Master of Business & Management.

"UWC builds the exact skills you'll use at university: academic writing, critical thinking, referencing, group projects, and presentations. The classes are more supportive, so you get regular feedback and time with teachers to strengthen your foundation before stepping into large first-year lectures. You can also try subject electives that align with your future major, which helps you confirm your direction and arrive at university with confidence."



Scholarships

At University of Waikato College, we want to help you realise your dream of studying abroad in New Zealand. To enable you, we offer a limited number of scholarships to provide financial assistance and get you closer to your future career.

*The scholarships available are dependent on your home country, and programme choice. Read the full scholarship terms and conditions. To learn more, visit: college.waikato.ac.nz/admissions/scholarships/

See more:



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