UNIVERSITY OF WAIKATO COLLEGE
Te Kura Huanui
NEW ZEALAND

University of Waikato College

Prospectus

2027



Why choose New Zealand?

World Class Education

Multicultural Society

Safe and Peaceful 2nd most peaceful country*

**Global Peace Index 2026*

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 choose University of Waikato College?

A direct pathway to University of Waikato degree programmes

Learn in smaller intimate class sizes

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.

Scan to apply

English Programmes

Academic English

Intakes: February, May, August, November

Duration: 8-10 week blocks

Fee: NZ $6,804 per block (2027)

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



Meline

Certificate of Attainment in English Language

"I chose New Zealand because it is a very attractive country for someone who enjoys hiking, sport, mountains, and travelling. I wanted to experience an English-speaking country with beautiful landscapes and easily accessible outdoor activities, and New Zealand offered exactly that."



Certificate of Attainment in Foundation Studies

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.

Foundation Studies Programme – Standard

Qualification: NZQFC Level 4

Intakes: February, July, November

Duration: 2 trimesters (8 months)

Points: 120

Fee: NZ $29,496 (2027)

Progression: First year of most Bachelor Degrees at the University of Waikato

Foundation Studies Programme – Accelerated

Qualification: NZQFC Level 4

Intakes: February, July, November

Duration: 1 trimester (4 months)

Points: 60

Fee: NZ $14,748 (2027)

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

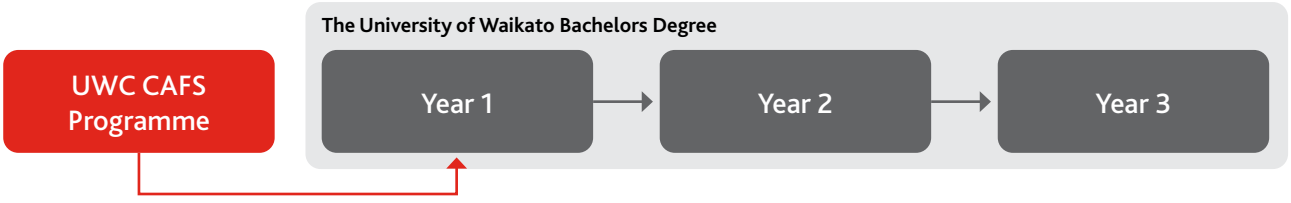
Entry Requirements



Luca

Certificate of Attainment in Foundation Studies (Accelerated), leading to Bachelor of Banking, Finance and Technology

"Foundation Studies gave me a good base to transition to Bachelor degree. You get foundational skills like writing, citations, and referencing. The student body is quite diverse with students from different backgrounds and cultures, making studying here so interesting."





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.

Read the full scholarship terms and conditions. To learn more, visit: **college.waikato.ac.nz/admissions/scholarships/**



International Diploma (Business)

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: February, November

Duration: 3 trimesters (12 months)

Points: 120

Fee: NZ $34,832 (2027)

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

Entry Requirements

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

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**.

International Diploma (Computer Science)

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: February, November

Duration: 3 trimesters (12 months)

Points: 120

Fee: NZ $36,860 (2027)

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)

Entry Requirements

Careers

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



Nikita

International Diploma (Computer Science) leading to Bachelor of Computer Science and Data Analytics

"The College environment is very welcoming and supportive. The coursework has helped me overcome my anxiety around presentations and case studies. There is a lot of personal attention due to small class sizes and it's easier to make friends from various backgrounds."

The University of Waikato Bachelors Degree

UWC Diploma Programme → Year 1 → Year 2 → Year 3

Diploma in Postgraduate Preparation (Pre-Masters)

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: February, July, November
Duration: 2 trimesters (8 months)
Points: 120
Fee: NZ $32,176 (2027)

Entry Requirements

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 Environment and Society
- Master of Management (Supply Chain Management, Agribusiness, Business Analytics, Marketing, or Project Management)

**A competitive selection process applies*



Sharon

Diploma in Postgraduation Preparation leading to Master of Information Technology

"I chose New Zealand for its high-quality education system, safe environment, and breathtaking natural landscapes. It's a place that offers both academic excellence and an enriching life experience."

Graduate Certificate in Postgraduate Preparation (Accelerated Pre-Masters)

This certificate is designed for international students with a bachelor's degree. This accelerated four-month programme builds the academic, research, and communication skills needed for postgraduate success and provides a pathway to a range of master's degrees at the University of Waikato.

Qualification: NZQF Level 7
Intakes: February, July, November
Duration: 1 trimesters (4 months)
Points: 60
Fee: NZ $16,088 (2027)

Entry Requirements

Progression Degrees

Successful completion of the certificate 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 Professional Accounting
- Master of Environment and Society
- Master of Management (Supply Chain Management, Agribusiness, Business Analytics, Marketing, or Project Management)

Waikato is leading the way in New Zealand.

The first…

University to be on the internet

AI institute and supercomputer for AI

Master's degree in Cybersecurity



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