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Prospective students and their families and whānau can talk to us about study options, get support with the enrolment process and learn more about scholarships, accommodation, student support and other services.

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NAU PIKI MAI, NAU KAKE MAI!

WELCOME TO THE UNIVERSITY OF WAIKATO

University is an exciting chapter in any student's life and as a parent or caregiver you play a key role in advising and supporting your child during this time.

We aim to make the transition to university as smooth as possible for not only our students, but for you as well. So, this guide has been designed with you in mind. We hope it gives you the confidence to know that the University of Waikato will take great care of your child while also continuing to advise, support, educate and challenge them.

While academic success is our mainstay, we understand that there is a lot more to the university experience than getting a qualification. We offer plenty of opportunities for students to make the most of their university experience as well as a range of support services to help them achieve their goals, while caring for their health and well-being.

We also provide a number of activities to bring your whānau on to campus. Tours and community days like Kīngitanga Day are a great way to get a taste of what studying with Waikato will be like, so why not pay us a visit?

Please get in touch if you have any questions or concerns on 0800 WAIKATO or info@waikato.ac.nz Visit waikato.ac.nz/go/parents to find out more.



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The Bay of Plenty region lives up to its name and offers an enviable coastal lifestyle, while still being central to Auckland and Hamilton. Tauranga is the fifth largest and fastest growing city in New Zealand and home to an estimated 145,000 people.

Located in the heart of Tauranga city, the CBD campus is part of an ever-growing educational precinct including state-of-the-art science and engineering labs, a marine science research centre, a new aquaculture research facility, and a high performance sports facility.

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WHY WAIKATO

We are renowned for producing work-ready graduates.

UNIVERSITY ON A HUMAN SCALE

Waikato is known as one of the friendliest universities in New Zealand. It is important to us that each student has an enjoyable, safe and supportive university experience and feels welcome in our community.

STUDENTS LEARN FROM THE BEST

Our teaching staff are knowledgeable, experienced and internationally-connected - many leaders in their field. Our academics are known for their collaborative, ground-breaking research, and mentoring of students. Waikato University provided New Zealand's first connection to the Internet in 1989 and has continued to lead with innovation in a variety of areas, from engineering, robotics and AI, to psychology and environmental science.

FLEXIBLE DEGREE STRUCTURES

Flexible degree structures mean students can choose a qualification that combines interests with career goals. If you wish, you can do a double major or a conjoint degree. A double major is where you study one degree but focus on two different subjects in depth within that degree. A conjoint degree is best suited to those wanting to study two very distinct fields, e.g. Science and Management.

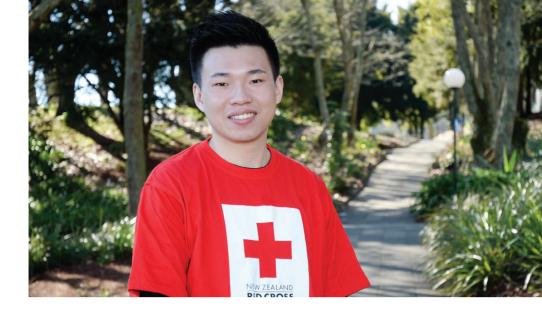
FREE REGIONAL BUS SERVICE

We offer a free daily bus service for students living in the greater Waikato region. Additionally, there is a free bus service for students from Whakatāne, Rotorua and Katikati to our Tauranga campus.

AN EXCITING UNIVERSITY EXPERIENCE

From the moment you step onto our Hamilton and Tauranga campuses, you feel a sense of belonging. Our picturesque campuses have everything students need during their studies - a library, lecture theatres, student support services, cafés, banks, a gym and swimming pools are located on campus or close to it.





VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

The Employability Plus Programme allows students to connect with the local community, learn practical skills and gain valuable work experience.

WAIKATO OE STUDENT EXCHANGE

Waikato students have the opportunity to study overseas for one or two trimesters at one of more than 60 partner universities. The OE Student Exchange allows students to experience new cultures, improve foreign language skills and travel to new places while studying.

CULTURAL PERSPECTIVES PAPERS

All of our undergraduate qualifications offer a cultural perspectives element to give students skills, confidence and capabilities in understanding their own and other cultures, in order to work and contribute effectively within increasingly diverse local and global contexts. This cultural perspectives element may be a single paper, or it may be a collection of papers. Completing this cultural perspectives element is compulsory.

Our Future Student Advisors would love to answer your questions around study and support at the University of Waikato! waikato.ac.nz/study/student-advisors/contact-us



STUDENT SUPPORT

Our students tell us we are one of the friendliest and most supportive universities in New Zealand. We are enthusiastic about helping students get the advice, support and services they need to make sure their time at the University of Waikato is successful.

PROGRAMME INFORMATION AND ADVICE

Prospective students, and their families and whānau, can talk to Future Student Advisors about study options, get support with the enrolment process, and learn more about scholarships, accommodation, student support and other services.

Our advisors are available for phone, Zoom or face-to-face appointments (in either Hamilton or Tauranga) between 9am and 4pm, Monday to Friday.

Register online for an appointment at waikato.ac.nz/go/advisor-appointment 0800 WAIKATO (0800 924 528)

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LEARNING SUPPORT

We offer learning support for assignment preparation and writing. Our tutors can assist with the development of specific skills such as time management, essay writing, note-taking or exam preparation. Students can join a workshop, make use of interactive resources, be tutored online, or have an individual face-to-face consultation.

Visit waikato.ac.nz/students/student-learning for more information

CLUBS, SPORTS AND SOCIAL EVENTS

Joining a club is a great way for your child to get involved and to meet new people. It can be something they love doing or something they have never tried before. Students can also represent their faculty in different events and can get involved with social sports teams on campus. There's something for everyone. Visit wsu.org.nz to see the full list of student clubs on offer.





RAINBOW ALLIANCE

The University supports students and staff who identify as takatāpui and LGBTQI+ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex, or other gender and sexuality minority groups). The Rainbow Staff and Student Alliance provides a forum for networking, discussion and progression of takatāpui and LGBTQI+ issues. Email Rainbow. Alliance@waikato.ac.nz for more information.

CAREER DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

The careers team assists with employment skills, job opportunities and job interview skills. Students can get help with their CVs and cover letter writing and can also attend free career skills workshops. Potential employers also conduct presentations on campus during the year as part of their graduate recruitment activities. Visit waikato.ac.nz/students/careers for more information

WHAT TO EXPECT

The first trimester is an exciting time, full of change from secondary school. Being prepared is key for new students to be able to cope with the experiences and challenges of university study.

A DIFFERENT LEARNING STYLE

When you arrive at University, you'll notice some things are slightly different than at high school.

	HIGH SCHOOL	UNIVERSITY
STUDENT BODY	500 - 2,000 students aged 13 - 18, usually from the same area	Waikato has more than 12,500 students, aged 17 - 60+ from all over New Zealand and around the world
CLASS SIZE	Usually 20 - 30 people	Lectures can have up to 300 students. Tutorials and labs have 10 - 25 students
STUDY PERIODS	Four terms which run for about 10 weeks each	Two main trimesters which run for 12 weeks each. Optional C Trimester which runs for six weeks
LEARNING STYLE	Your teacher assigns tasks for the class to talk about and share ideas. They also check your homework and monitor your progress	Lectures explain important theories and concepts, often in large lecture theatres. In tutorials and labs you apply these and discuss ideas. You monitor your own progress
ASSESSMENT	You earn credits by passing assignments, tests and exams for each subject	You earn points by passing papers (which are like subjects) that count towards your qualification
TIME SPENT IN CLASS	9:00am - 3:30pm Monday to Friday with five different class periods	12 - 15 hours of class per week spread across Monday to Friday. In your free time you'll work on assignments and complete readings

University students have approximately 15 hours of lectures per week, in addition to tutorials, course readings, research, lab/studio work, writing and revision. Attendance in class is not compulsory, but a roll call may be taken. In some programmes of study, participation in group discussion is mandatory and can count towards overall grades. Each student is expected to take responsibility for managing their own study and must approach teaching staff if they have questions.



BUILD NETWORKS

Around 13,000 people study at the University of Waikato across our Hamilton and Tauranga campuses. Opportunities to connect with other students, staff, researchers, industry professionals and members of the wider community can open up career prospects.

WORK INTEGRATED LEARNING

Our work-integrated learning (WIL) papers create a link between academic learning and the practical applications of this learning in the workplace. WIL is a compulsory component of all University of Waikato undergraduate degrees, and we are the only university in New Zealand who does this to ensure we have work-ready graduates.

Students will acquire, understand and apply essential professional skills that will prepare them for the future workforce, while allowing them to demonstrate their graduate knowledge to employers.

SHIFTING RELATIONSHIPS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

With new-found independence at university, your child will begin to make their own decisions. They will become responsible for their own time, money and wellbeing. This is the time for young adults to learn to be self-motivated and organised.

STUDENT LIFE AT WAIKATO

At both our Hamilton and Tauranga campuses, the atmosphere is friendly and inclusive. The first few weeks at university will be dedicated to attending introductory lectures, navigating the grounds, making friends and learning about the support services available.

ACCESS AVAILABLE RESOURCES

MyWaikato is a fantastic mobile-friendly system designed to support students during their entire University journey from application right through to graduation. MyWaikato can be used to make enquiries, enrol, pay fees, view timetables and access final grades.



February

Orientation Week has plenty on offer for our new and returning students. Live music, food stalls, competitions and more will take place on the Village Green. Our Academic Orientation programme is specifically designed for new students to help them settle into university study. Essential presentations and workshops will be made available online to view throughout the year.

March

Trimester A and full-year classes start. This is where students discover what their workload will be like for the year and can reach out to our support services on campus for help if needed.

April

Trimester A mid-trimester break commences. This is a busy time working on assignments. A lot of students opt to go home for the break.

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Trimester A resumes and students will start preparing for final assignments and end of trimester exams.

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Trimester A exams happen after a one week study break. Once exams have finished there will be a two week break before Trimester B begins.

July

Trimester A ends. Trimester B begins near the end of the month. This is where new papers start up and students are now used to the way the university works.

August

Trimester B mid-trimester break commences.

September

Trimester B resumes and students are getting ready for their end of year exams.

October

Trimester B exams happen after a one week study break.

November

Trimester B exams are over and your child has completed their first university year!

OUR DEGREES

BACHELOR'S DEGREE	LOCATION
Bachelor of Arts (BA)	
Bachelor of Business (BBus)	ΗП
Bachelor of Climate Change (BCC)	H
Bachelor of Communication (BC)	H
Bachelor of Computer Science (BCompSc)	H T *
Bachelor of Computing and Mathematical Sciences with Honours (BCMS(Hons))	H 1 *
Bachelor of Design (BDes)	H
Bachelor of Engineering with Honours (BE(Hons))	H T *
Bachelor of Environmental Planning (BEP)	
Bachelor of Health (BHealth)	H
Bachelor of Health, Sport and Human Performance (BHSHP)	HI
Bachelor of Laws (LLB)	H T *
Bachelor of Management Studies with Honours (BMS(Hons))	H
Bachelor of Music (BMus)	H
Bachelor of Nursing (BNurs)	H
Bachelor of Science (BSc)	Ho
Bachelor of Science (Technology) (BSc(Tech))	H
Bachelor of Social Sciences (BSocSc)	H 6
Bachelor of Teaching (BTchg)	H T O **

Visit waikato.ac.nz/study/qualifications for more information.

Key

H - Hamilton Campus **T** - Tauranga Campus **⊙** - Online

^{*} Part of the degree will have to be completed at the Hamilton campus. Not all majors or specified programmes can be taken in both locations.

^{**} Online programmes may require attendance on-campus or have additional eligibility criteria.

MĀORI KI WAIKATO



Tēnā koutou katoa. Nau mai haere mai ki te whānau o Te Whare Wānanga o Waikato.

The University of Waikato is proud to be part of an intergenerational legacy amongst whānau and communities throughout Aotearoa. Our Māori students make up nearly a quarter of our student population and are visible and active members of our University community. Our programmes are designed to prepare tauira Māori to contribute to the next generation of Māori excellence here in Aotearoa and across the globe.

Whakawhanaungatanga and relationships are important parts of university life, particularly for those leaving their whānau and rohe. Through Te Puna Tautoko, we provide opportunities for tauira Māori to build new connections with staff and tauira across the University. Our programmes extend through to doctoral studies but for new students we highly recommend the following:

Te Kāhui Pīrere is open to all tauira Māori in their first-year and helps them to settle in, find friends and learn about the different services on campus.

Te Pūoho connects a series of Māori student hubs throughout the faculty, divisions and Tauranga Moana campus which focus on building Māori student community, inspiring Māori student excellence, connecting tauira to relevant services and empowering them with the tools they need at university.

We also have a number of ropū Māori to help guide tauira Māori through their studies.

Ngā Roopū Māori

- Te Waiora largest Māori student group on campus
- Te Ranga Ngāku Management
- Te Whakahiapō Law
- Tūmata Kōkiri Education, and Health, Sport and Human Performance
- Te Kāuru Māori and Indigenous Studies
- STEM Māori and Pacifica Health. Engineering, Computing and Science
- Te Tini o Hakuturi Environmental Planning

Our experience with tauira Māori tells us that not all tauira have similar access to information about university so we recommend talking to your tamaiti early about the possibility of university study. Although our tauira come from different backgrounds we believe each of them has the potential and opportunity to excel.

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PACIFIC AT WAIKATO



Kia orāna, mālō e lelei, tālofa lava, fakaalofa lahi atu, ni sa bula vinaka, taloha ni, halo olaketa, kia orana, ko na mauri, tālofa, aloha and warm Pacific greetings. Welcome to the University of Waikato!

PACIFIC ORIENTATION: BEGINNING THE VOYAGE

Once your child is here, our dedicated Pacific student support staff will ensure they are welcomed into a culturally safe space and inform them of the support we offer. There is always help available when your child needs it - they just have to ask. We run student learning seminars, workshops and drop-ins for academic help. You can also book one-on-one appointments with staff.

IMUA LEARNER LEADER INITIATIVE

The Imua Initiative is a year long leadership and academic programme designed to help first-year students successfully transition into tertiary study and to continue progressing through key stages of the university journey.

PACIFIC STUDENT SUPPORT

We are committed to enhancing the success of Pacific students who choose to study at Waikato. Pacific student support includes academic seminars, workshops, drop-in sessions, peer mentoring and study groups. Pacific support staff are available to help and on-campus cultural and faculty-specific groups represent and celebrate the vibrant cultures of the Pacific.

THE CONCH - OUR PACIFIC SPACE

The Conch is a dedicated space on campus for Pacific students to meet, study, refuel and be cultural. The space is located on Level Zero of the Student Centre in Hamilton and is open from 9am – 5pm weekdays.

To find out more visit waikato.ac.nz/students/ pacific-support/



ACCOMMODATION

HAMILTON

At The University of Waikato, we have some of the cheapest university student accommodation in New Zealand. Our affordable on-campus Halls of Residence are the ideal place for first year students to settle into university life. We have Bryant Hall, College Hall and Student Village.

The beginning of every year in the halls kicks off with a full orientation for new residents. All rooms are fully furnished, have free WiFi, are fully carpeted and centrally heated. In Bryant Hall we have a Kaupapa Māori floor, Nga Tokoroaa-Taingahue and a floor for Pacific students.

TAURANGA

Located across the road from our CBD campus, Selwyn Street Studios offers self-catered living in a brand new, University-managed complex. The 88 standard and three accessibility studio rooms are fully furnished, have free WiFi and come complete with en suite bathrooms and mini fridges.

Each floor has shared social spaces that provide stunning views across the harbour. Communal areas are located on the basement level and an attractive outdoor area is a great place to relax and enjoy the great weather that Tauranga is famous for.



There is one Residential Leader (RL) to every 30 students to provide help and guidance. Fully catered halls have a dining room where breakfast, lunch and dinner is served (21 meals a week).

The University of Waikato endeavors to have one alcohol-free floor per hall to accommodate our under 18 year old students and students who state on their application form that they would like to be on an alcohol-free floor. This is subject to sufficient numbers requesting it.

Our Residential Leaders who live in the halls are students too, so they are likely to know the kinds of issues other students may have and can help them figure them out. Staff are rostered on duty every day, including evenings and weekends, so there is always someone around to help.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Our scholarships reward academic ability, leadership potential, community spirit, sporting skills, creative and performing arts talent.

We appreciate the diversity of our student group and provide funding for students from all backgrounds. Scholarships may offer support for fees or accommodation, or may be paid directly to the student.

Sir Edmund Hillary Scholarship

Up to \$10,000 per year during the undergraduate degree, along with academic support and professional development opportunities.

Te Paewai o te Rangi: Scholarship for Outstanding Academic Achievement

Up to \$25,000 over three years (accommodation or tuition fees)

Te Ara Whānui Scholarship

Up to \$10,000 (accommodation or tuition fees)

Pacific Excellence Scholarship

Up to \$10,000 (accommodation or tuition fees)

D.V. Bryant Trust University of Waikato Residential Scholarship

Up to \$10,000 (accommodation, Hamilton only)

University of Waikato Professional Athletes Dual-Career Scholarship

Up to \$7,000 and a complimentary annual membership to the University gym, UniRec

Edna Money Future Pacific Leaders' School Leaver Scholarship

\$6,000 per year for up to three years

'Ko Te Tangata' School Leaver Scholarship

Up to \$5,000 (accommodation or tuition fees)

Tauranga Campus Residential Scholarship

Up to \$8,000 (accommodation fees, Tauranga only)

Most entrance scholarship applications close 31 August.

Visit waikato.ac.nz/scholarships for the most up-to-date information about what you're eligible to apply for, how to apply, closing dates and more.

FEE? AND COSTS

FFFS-FRFF POLICY

The Government's fees-free policy covers one year's full-time study (120 points, which can take more than a year if you study part-time), and is for all students who are new to tertiary education. Almost all University of Waikato courses are covered under this policy.

Correct at the time of printing - subject to change.

ELIGIBILITY

Students are eligible for fees-free study if they:

- Are a New Zealand citizen, or meet New Zealand residency requirements
- Are not enrolled in secondary school when your qualification starts
- Have not undertaken previous study or training of more than 60 credits, except while you were at school
- Enrol in an eligible qualification (all University of Waikato bachelor's degrees are eligible).

Visit waikato.ac.nz/go/fees-free or feesfree. govt.nz for more information about the fees-free policy and to check your eligibility.

STUDENT LOANS AND **ALLOWANCES**

Domestic students can apply for Student Loans and Student Allowances through Studylink. Applications for Student Loans and Student Allowances should be submitted at least two months before starting studying. This will allow plenty of time for the application to be processed, to ensure that payments are made on time.

Visit studylink.govt.nz or phone 0800 88 99 00.

FINANCIAI PLANNING

Students are often faced with new expenses during their first year of study.

Student Job Search is a job placement service for tertiary education students looking for work to boost their finances. This free service is run by students and matches more than 27,000 students with employers every year.

Visit sis.co.nz for more information.

WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE **BETWEEN A STUDENT LOAN** AND STUDENT ALLOWANCE?

Student Loan

A Student Loan is to pay for course fees, study materials and living costs. This needs to be paid back once the student has finished studying.

Student Allowance

A Student Allowance is a weekly payment to assist with living expenses whilst studying. This does not need to be paid back. Eligibility is based on parents' combined income. To find out more, head to studylink.govt.nz.



EXAMPLE WEEKLY BUDGET - HAMILTON

INCOME	WEEKLY
Student Allowance (under 24, full entitlement*) OR	\$240.65 (after taxes)
Student Loan Living Costs (full estimate*)	\$242.53
Accommodation Benefit	\$60.00
Wages (15 hours per week, \$21.20per hour)	\$276.78 (after taxes)
Total	\$577.43 - \$578.96
EXPENSES	WEEKLY
Accommodation (Halls of Residence**)	\$322.00
Accommodation (Halls of Residence**) Gym Membership (UniRec)	\$322.00 \$10.95
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Gym Membership (UniRec)	\$10.95
Gym Membership (UniRec) Food (in addition to meals at the Halls of Residence)	\$10.95 \$20.00
Gym Membership (UniRec) Food (in addition to meals at the Halls of Residence) Contents Insurance***	\$10.95 \$20.00 \$8.69

^{*}Visit **studylink**.govt.nz for the most up-to-date student loan and allowance entitlements

Note: These figures are approximate and subject to change.

^{**}The weekly payment can be reduced if a scholarship is put towards accommodation.

^{***}Based on a quote from Tower Insurance with contents value up to \$5,000 with \$250 excess



TIPS FOR PARENTS

Prepare your child to be financially responsible so they understand the stresses and strains of living on a limited budget. Have a conversation with your child before they leave for university about what costs they will have and how they will pay for them

Support your child to do the very best they can in their studies. Keep in touch and be available to talk in case they need advice or guidance.

Encourage your child to balance studies with extracurricular activities. Students can join a club, get involved in cultural groups and attend social or academic events.

Motivate your child to look after their health while at university. As a parent, whānau member or caregiver, you can encourage your child to adopt good physical activity habits and make healthy food choices.

Familiarise yourself with the resources available at university to support your child. If a problem arises you can then recommend the appropriate services to your child and encourage them to get help. Your child will appreciate the support you give them.

KEY DATES

DATE EVENT

We have Open Days each year on our Hamilton and Tauranga campuses so students can come to campus to get a taste of what university life is like. Search 'Open Day' on waikato.ac.nz for more information

MAY - AUGUST	Career Expos
1 JULY 2022	Bachelor of Teaching applications open
1 AUGUST 2022	Halls of Residence applications open
AUGUST 2022	Bachelor of Music (performance) audition applications open
31 AUGUST 2022	Scholarship applications close
1 OCTOBER 2022	Halls of Residence applications due
7 NOVEMBER 2022	NCEA Examinations begin - good luck!
DECEMBER 2022	Apply for StudyLink
1 FEBRUARY 2023	Bachelor of Music (performance) audition applications due
7 MARCH 2023	A Trimester Starts! Welcome to Waikato!



ENROL IN 5 EASY STEPS



TAKE 2 MINUTES TO CREATE A **MYWAIKATO ACCOUNT**

To get started, go to enrol.waikato.ac.nz and select 'Create an account'. Ensure that the email address you enter in your MyWaikato account is one that you will use when you start university, as most communications sent from the Admissions Office are done by email.

LOG IN AND APPLY FOR YOUR COURSE

You'll need to know which qualification you want to study, which subject you want to focus on (your major subject) and which trimester you want to begin study. We may ask you for more information. Some programmes have an additional selection process and/or interview. We aim to respond to applications within one week, however this may take longer during peak periods.

RESPOND TO OFFER OF PLACE

You will be sent an Offer of Place by email if your application is approved. Log into MyWaikato to accept your Offer of Place to let us know you have decided to study your qualification at the University of Waikato.

CHOOSE YOUR PAPERS AND COMPLETE YOUR ENROLMENT

Once enrolment is open (usually the last three months of the previous year), you can choose your papers by logging into MyWaikato. We will contact you at this stage to assist with paper selection and finalising your enrolment.

ACCEPT YOUR ENROLMENT AGREEMENT

Once you receive your Enrolment Agreement by email, you will need to accept it and let us know how you will pay your tuition fees. Search for your qualification online at waikato.ac.nz/study/course-finder to find the most up-to-date fees information.



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