University of Otago
Dunedin, New Zealand
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Dunedin – a university town

- Settled by the Scots in the mid 1800s
- Population of 120k – 1 in every 6th Dunedinite is an Otago student
- Coastal city with surf beaches, harbour and mountainous hinterlands
- Fringe art and music scene, growing tech hub
- Temperate climate
- Laid back, relaxed attitude to life
University of Otago

- New Zealand’s first university
- 20,000 students – 2,800 international
- Leading post graduate research institution
- Leading in teaching excellence
- Ranked top 3% globally, 5 star QS ranking
- Ranked best in NZ for student experience and pastoral care
Who is an Otago student?

- Adventurous
- Independent
- Academically capable
- Emotionally mature
- Service and community oriented
Life on Campus
A day in the life

- 7-8 gym/surf/run
- 8-9 breakfast
- 9-11 lecture
- 11-12 lunch/watch performance
- 12-2 study
- 2-3 lecture
- 3-4 tutorial/lab
- 4-5 sports/club activity
- 5-6 dinner
- 6-10 study/socialise

- Hike
- Surf/kitesurf
- Mtn bike
- Bbqs at flats
- Watch rugby
- Team/group commitment
- Concerts
- Ski/board
- Climb/kayak
- Farmers market/cafe/bar
- Work
- Study!
Over 100 clubs offering a range of activities to get involved with

On and off campus entertainment

Group trips offered
Leadership and Community Involvement Opportunities
Decision Making

Concrete Evidence
- Rankings
- Costs
- Retention and graduation rates
- Degree offering

Abstract Notions
- Personal values
- Meaningful-ness
- Gut instinct
- Dreams
- Goals

- Where my parents want/tell me to go
- Where my friends are going
Residential Colleges are:

A place of community, made up of men and women pursuing their academic goals, as well as developing their own identity as an adult, in an environment that fosters: belonging, competency, freedom, adventure and awareness.
Support Services – support that will make your time successful and fun

Student Exchange – study at a university overseas and count it towards your Otago degree
University Entrance with A Levels

1. Three passes at Advanced Level taken at one sitting with appropriate grades
2. Check the entry score required for your degree (generally 8)
3. Calculate your entry score
4. The score is normally calculated on the best three A-level principal subjects taken at one sitting.

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Entrance

University Entrance with IB = 26 points
Bachelor of Science (BSc)
Major - Computer Science
Minor - Management

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Degrees – Science

- Applied Science
- Science
- PE and Sports Science
- Surveying
  - Restricted entry to 2nd year, must get B grade or better

- You pick a subject to major in
- You may also minor in a different subject
- You may take papers in a few other subjects, generally in your first year
Degrees – Humanities

- Arts
- Law
  - Must get B+ 1st year law paper, B- or better in non law papers
- Music
- Performing Arts
- Teaching
- Social Work

- You pick a subject to major in
- You may also minor in a different subject
- You may take papers in a few other subjects, generally in your first year
Degrees – Commerce

- 3 year degree
- Take a set of core business papers in 1\textsuperscript{st} year
- Pick a subject to major in
- Don’t have to have taken business subjects at school
Degrees – Health Sciences

- Biomedical Science
- Radiation Therapy
- Dental Technology
- Oral Health
- Health Science First Year – pathway to professional programmes
Health Science First Year

HSFY is the entry pathway into:

- Medicine
- Pharmacy
- Dentistry
- Physiotherapy
- Medical Laboratory Science

Must be first year of study and must be at Otago
School Subjects for HSFY

- Chemistry
- Physics
- Biology

To last year at high school

In your first year you take 7 papers based on these subjects. Catch up courses for Chem and Physics – ask me
Selection into 2nd Year

- Pass all your first year papers with at least a 70% average
- Sit a UMAT test for Medicine and Dentistry
- Complete an interview for Dentistry
## Costs – Tuition Fees

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Costs – Other (NZD)

- Insurance 600 per year
- Residential College accommodation 14,000 first year
- Flatting (from second year) 10,000 per year
- Student services fee 800 per year
- Personal costs estimate of 100/week
- Travel to and from Dunedin
- Visa application