

**Study Options is responsible for  
handling UK-based applications to  
Australian and NZ universities**

We are a free resource for students,  
careers advisors and schools

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## How do the systems compare?

- Australia and New Zealand education systems are based on the same model as the UK
- Many features of university life are much the same as they are in the UK
- Excellent recognition of Australian and New Zealand degrees in the UK and around the world (for both general and professional qualifications)

## Quality of education

- Australian and New Zealand universities are research-led, and their qualifications and research are recognised and respected all over the world
- Large proportion of Australasian universities feature in the three international ranking systems of the world's top universities (QS, Times Higher Education and Shanghai Jiao Tong)
- Universities considered world-leaders in a wide range of academic areas. Check subject-specific rankings

## Broader, more flexible undergraduate degrees

### Bachelor of Arts

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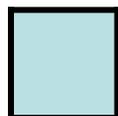
Year 3

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Year 2

100 level							
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Year 1



Courses from arts or other degrees



Other courses from arts and humanities



Arts major courses

Professional and specialist degrees (eg engineering, law, medicine) follow set, structured study programmes that offer little or no opportunity to take electives

## Bachelor of Engineering with Honours

Year 4 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Professional



Year 3 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Professional



Year 2 – 1<sup>st</sup> Professional



Year 1 - Intermediate

<b>ENGR</b> 101	<b>EMTH</b> 118	<b>EMTH</b> 119	<b>EMTH</b> 171	<b>PHYS</b> 101	<b>100</b> Level	<b>100</b> Level	<b>100</b> Level
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Professional years



Required intermediate courses in engineering, mathematics and physics



Other intermediate courses in physics, chemistry, computer science, engineering and electives

## Teaching culture

- Strong emphasis on undergraduate teaching
- Approach more like that of US universities
- Higher contact teaching hours than in the UK
- Accessible, dedicated academics
- Informal and approachable learning culture



The Southern Alps, New Zealand  
(Image: University of Canterbury)



Melbourne

## Accommodation options

- **Residential colleges (usually fully-catered)**

*Small numbers of students; live-in staff; academic and pastoral support. Traditions, expectations, lots of social and sporting activities. A community within the wider student community*

- **University accommodation (self-catered)**

*More similar to UK university halls – students have their own room within a ‘flat’ with a shared kitchen and living space.*

- **Private rental.** Not recommended for new first year students!

**[www.studyoptions.com/accommodation](http://www.studyoptions.com/accommodation)**

## Support services

- Each university has an International Student Office. It is their job to help any international student with any problem they have, whether it is academic, social, personal, financial or practical in nature. Help is always there; but students must ask for it!
  - Airport pick-up on arrival into NZ or Australia
  - Comprehensive Orientation programme before classes start
  - Referral services (eg Academic Support, Student Counselling, Careers Guidance)
  - Health insurance
  - Social activities

## Costs

- Budget for tuition fees and living expenses
- Each university sets its own tuition fees for each course. There is a lot of variation - please check this carefully and use it as part of the decision making process
- Least expensive courses are lecture-based (eg, B Arts). Most expensive are professional clinical courses (eg, medicine)
- States of Jersey funding can be used anywhere in the world. Also can work up to 20 hours per week on a student visa

## Straightforward application process

- Entry requirements (points/grade requirements) at many top universities in Australia and New Zealand are lower than at equivalently ranked universities in the UK BUT often more specific about subject pre-requisites
- No additional tests for majority of degrees\*  
*\*Exceptions: Medicine and dentistry (additional tests) and performance-based subjects (portfolios/auditions/interviews)*
- Require predicted grades at A-Level or IB (formal, issued by school) in order to make applications. **Apply by Easter of Yr 13**

## Free advice and application service for applications to NZ and Australian universities

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