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The Foundation Certificate in English for Academic Purposes – FCertEAP

The regulations for this certificate are to be read in conjunction with all other relevant statutes and regulations including the Academic Statutes and Regulations.

Admission

- 1 In order to be admitted to this programme, a student must:
 - a (i) be an international student permitted to study in New Zealand
 and
 - (ii) (a) have obtained an English language proficiency score of not less than 5.0 in the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) or its equivalent in another such English Language Test recognised by the University of Auckland, for undergraduate conditional offers of admission
 - (b) have obtained an English language proficiency score of not less than 5.5 in the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) or its equivalent in another such English Language test recognised by the University of Auckland, for postgraduate conditional offers of admission

and

- (iii) (a) have received a conditional offer of admission to the University of Auckland or another tertiary education institution in New Zealand
 - (b) have obtained a recognised high school qualification in another country which entitles the student to qualify for ad eundem statum admission to a New Zealand university

or

- b (i) be a citizen or permanent resident of New Zealand
 - (ii) (a) have obtained a recognised high school qualification in another country which entitles the student to qualify for αd eundem statum admission to a New Zealand university
 - (b) have obtained an English language proficiency score of not less than 5.0 in the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) or its equivalent in another such English Language Test recognised by the University of Auckland, for undergraduate conditional offers of admission

have obtained an English language proficiency score of not less than 5.5 in the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) or its equivalent in another such English Language test recognised by the University of Auckland, for postgraduate conditional offers of admission

or

(iii) have completed year 13 in a New Zealand secondary school, but not met the standard for University Entrance.

Note: Students who gain admission to the programme under 1b(iii) and who successfully complete the certificate may apply for Discretionary Entrance to the University under the Admission Regulation 6b. The Certificate is not an alternative to fulfilment of the literacy requirement for entrance from a New Zealand secondary school, but will be taken into account in the consideration of applications for Discretionary Entrance.

Duration and Total Points Value

2 A student enrolled for this certificate has to follow an approved full-time programme of the equivalent of one semester and pass courses with a total value of 60 points.

Structure and Content

- 3 a A student with an undergraduate conditional offer of admission enrolled in this certificate must pass: ACADINT A01 Academic Integrity Course
 - ENGLACP 20P English for Academic Purposes Level 1
 - ENGLACP 30P English for Academic Purposes Level 2
 - b A student with a postgraduate conditional offer of admission enrolled in this certificate must pass: ACADINT A01 Academic Integrity Course
 - ENGLACP 30P English for Academic Purposes Level 2
 - ENGLACP 40P English for Academic Purposes Level 3

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Variations

4 In exceptional circumstances the Academic Board or its representative may approve a personal programme which does not conform to these regulations.

Amendment

5 These regulations have been amended with effect from 1 January 2017.

Foundation Studies Certificate - FoundStCert

The Foundation Studies Certificate is intended to prepare students whose first language is not English for admission to the University of Auckland in particular and to New Zealand universities in general. Suitably qualified students who meet the minimum entrance requirements upon entry to this certificate may also be required to include English Language Acquisition courses offered by the University of Auckland.

Admission

- 1 In order to be admitted to this programme a student needs to have:
 - a completed secondary schooling to at least NCEA Level 2, and achieved a minimum of 42 credits at NCEA level 2, with no fewer than 12 credits in each of three subjects including Mathematics; or the equivalent as approved by the Board of Studies

and

b a level of English language proficiency equivalent to a score of 5.0, with no band less than 4.5, in the Academic International English Testing System (IELTS) or alternative English Language test approved by the University of Auckland.

Duration

- 2 Students enrolled for this certificate must follow an approved programme of:
 - a at least 41 weeks (standard delivery) if they have undertaken secondary schooling to at least NCEA Level 2, and achieved a minimum of 42 credits at NCEA level 2, with no fewer than 12 credits in each of three subjects including Mathematics; or the equivalent as approved by the Board of Studies; and have a level of English language proficiency equivalent to a score of 5.0, with no band less than 4.5 in the Academic International English Testing System (IELTS) or alternative English Language test approved by the University of Auckland

or

b at least 31 weeks (intensive delivery) if they have undertaken secondary schooling to at least NCEA Level 2, and achieved a minimum of 48 credits at NCEA Level 2, with no fewer than 12 credits in each of three subjects including Mathematics; or the equivalent as approved by the Board of Studies; and have a level of English language proficiency equivalent to a score of 5.5 with no band less than 5.0 in the Academic International English Testing System (IELTS) or alternative English Language test approved by the University of Auckland.

Structure and Content

- 3 A student enrolled for this certificate must complete:
 - a English for Academic Purposes

and

- b four courses from Accounting, Art, Biology, Chemistry, Classical Studies, Economics, Geography, Information Technology, Mathematics and Statistics, Mathematics with Calculus, Physics, or other courses equivalent to NCEA Level 3 approved by the Academic Director.
- 4 Students must:
 - a achieve at least 65 percent in English for Academic Purposes

or

b achieve at least 50 percent in English for Academic Purposes and pass IELTS with an overall score of at least 6.0 in the academic module with no band less than 5.5

or

- c have completed the Foundation Certificate for Academic Purposes or English Pathway for Undergraduate Studies from the English Language Academy, with a C- or higher.
- 5 Students must complete all required class work and written examinations which will be equivalent in standards to NCEA Level 3.
- 6 The programme of each student must be approved by the Academic Director.
- 7 A student enrolled in this certificate must complete the University of Auckland Academic Integrity course as specified in the Enrolment and Programme Regulations, Academic Integrity, of the University Calendar.

University Entrance

8 A student who satisfactorily completes the University of Auckland Certificate in Foundation Studies will be deemed to have the equivalent of University Entrance.

The University of Auckland Certificate in Foundation Studies – CertFoundSt

Admission

- 1 In order to be admitted to this programme a student needs to:
 - a (i) completed secondary schooling to at least NCEA Level 2, and achieved a minimum of 42 credits at NCEA level 2 at a Merit standard, with no fewer than 12 credits in each of three subjects including Mathematics, or the equivalent as approved by the Board of Studies

and

(ii) a level of English language proficiency equivalent to a score of 5.0, with no band less than 4.5, in the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) or alternative English language test approved by this University

or

b (i) completed secondary schooling to at least NCEA Level 2, and achieved a minimum of 42 credits at NCEA level 2 at a Merit standard, with no fewer than 12 credits in each of three subjects including Mathematics, or the equivalent as approved by the Board of Studies

and

(ii) level of English language proficiency equivalent to a score of 5.5, with no band less than 5.0, in the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) or alternative English language test approved by this University

or

c (i) completed secondary schooling to at least NCEA Level 2, and achieved a minimum of 42 credits at NCEA level 2 at an Excellence standard, with no fewer than 12 credits in each of three subjects including Mathematics, or the equivalent as approved by the Board of Studies

and

(ii) a level of English language proficiency equivalent to a score of 6.0, with no band less than 5.5, in the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) or alternative English language test approved by this University.

Duration

- 2 a A student admitted under Regulation 1a must pass courses with a total value of 120 points and will normally complete within 12 months.
 - b A student admitted under Regulation 1b must pass courses with a total value of 120 points and will normally complete within 9 months.
 - c A student admitted under Regulation 1c must pass courses with a total value of 90 points and will normally complete within 6 months.

Structure and Content

3 a A student enrolled for this certificate must complete the requirements as listed in the University of Auckland Certificate in Foundation Studies Schedule

and

b (i) achieve at least 65% in CTFOUND 10F, 39F or 40F English for Academic Purposes

or

(ii) achieve at least 50% in CTFOUND 10F, 39F or 40F English for Academic Purposes and have passed an IELTS examination with an overall score of at least 6.0 with no band less than 5.5 in the academic module

or

- (iii) have completed the Foundation Certificate for Academic Purposes or English Pathway for Undergraduate Studies from the English Language Academy, with a C- or higher.
- 4 In exceptional circumstances, and with the approval of the Deputy Head of College Academic, a student may substitute a pass in CTFOUND 39F for CTFOUND 40F, or a pass in CTFOUND 39F and a pass in a further 20-point subject course from the University of Auckland Certificate in Foundation Studies Schedule for CTFOUND 10F.
- 5 a In exceptional circumstances a student may enrol in a Stage I course from this University with the approval of

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the Deputy Head of College Academic and the Associate Dean (Academic) of the faculty offering the course in which the student wishes to enrol.

- b Credit may be granted toward a bachelors degree or diploma at this University for any Stage I course(s) completed under Regulation 4a.
- 6 A student must complete the University of Auckland Academic Integrity course as specified in the Enrolment and Programme Regulations, Academic Integrity, of the *University Calendar*.
- 7 A student must complete all required class work and written examinations which will be similar in standard and content to NCEA Level 3.
- 8 The programme of study of each student must be approved by the Deputy Head of College Academic.

Admission to University

9 A student who satisfactorily completes the University of Auckland Certificate in Foundation Studies will be deemed to have the equivalent of University Entrance.

University of Auckland Certificate in Foundation Studies (CertFoundSt) Schedule A student who has to complete 90 points must satisfy the following requirements: 10 points: CTFOUND 40F 80 points from CTFOUND 41F-52F, 23F or other courses A student who has to complete 120 points must satisfy the following requirements: 40 points: CTFOUND 10F 80 points from CTFOUND 11F-23F or other courses approved by the Head of College

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Certificate of Proficiency - COP

The regulations for this certificate are to be read in conjunction with all other relevant statutes and regulations including the Academic Statutes and Regulations.

Admission

- 1 In order to be admitted to a Certificate of Proficiency, a student:
 - a requires the approval of the relevant Associate Dean (Academic) or nominee for the course or courses in which they intend to enrol

and

b must meet any prerequisite, corequisite or other conditions of the course or courses, or the Associate Dean (Academic) or nominee has, in approving the admission, waived those requirements.

Structure and Content

- 2 a Any course that is offered by the University of Auckland may be taken for a Certificate of Proficiency with the approval of the relevant Associate Dean or nominee.
 - b A student must complete the University of Auckland Academic Integrity course as specified in the Enrolment and Programme Regulations, Academic Integrity, of the *University Calendar*.

Reassignment

- 3 a Provided any prerequisite, corequisite or other conditions for that qualification are met, a course passed for a Certificate of Proficiency may, with the approval of Senate or its representative and in conformity with the Credit Regulations, be subsequently reassigned to:
 - (i) an undergraduate certificate, diploma or degree
 - (ii) a Taught Masters degree, or the taught component of a Research Masters degree with a total points value of more than 120 points, a Bachelors Honours Postgraduate degree, a Postgraduate Diploma or a Postgraduate Certificate, as specified in the Credit Regulations.
 - b A course passed for a Certificate of Proficiency may not be reassigned to a Research Masters degree except as specified in 3a(ii) above.

c Where a course has already been credited to a qualification a student may enrol again for that course, or for another course whose content is substantially similar, for a Certificate of Proficiency. Such a course, when passed for Certificate of Proficiency, will not be reassigned to any qualification.

Amendment

4 These regulations have been amended with effect from 1 January 2023.

Northern Hemisphere Summer Research Scholarship Programme

Admission

- 1 In order to be admitted to this programme a student needs to:
 - a have completed at least two years of equivalent full-time study in a degree by the programme start date and
 - b be enrolled in an undergraduate degree or sub-doctoral postgraduate study at an international institution at the time of application

and

c have a Scholarships Grade Point Average/Grade Point Equivalent of 7.0 or higher in the most recent two years of equivalent full-time study

and

d be recommended for admission by the Dean or nominee.

Duration

2 Students must complete this programme within eight weeks of initial enrolment.

Structure and Content

3 A student enrolled for this programme must complete course SUMRESCH 302.

Amendment

4 These regulations have been amended with effect from 1 January 2019.

Summer Research Scholarship Programme

Admission

- 1 In order to be admitted to this programme a student needs to:
 - a have completed at least two years of equivalent full-time study in a degree by the programme start date and
 - b be enrolled in an undergraduate degree or postgraduate diploma or Bachelor (Honours) degree at a New Zealand university at the time of application
 - c be recommended for admission by the Dean or nominee.

Duration

2 Students must complete this programme within ten weeks of initial enrolment.

Structure and Content

3 A student enrolled for this programme must complete course SUMRESCH 301.

Amendment

4 These regulations have been amended with effect from 26 June 2025.

Transitional Certificate - TransCert

The regulations for this certificate are to be read in conjunction with all other relevant statutes and regulations including the Academic Statutes and Regulations.

Admission

1 In order to be admitted to this programme a student needs to have completed the requirements for a degree of this University or other degree approved by Senate or its representative in any particular case.

Structure and Content

- 2 The programme consists of such course or courses at undergraduate level in a subject or subjects as Senate or its representative may require or approve.
- 3 The purpose of this programme is to fulfil the requirements for entry to a specific graduate degree, graduate or postgraduate diploma approved by Senate or its representative.
- 4 To be eligible for the award of a Transitional Certificate a student has to enrol for the graduate qualification for which the prerequisites were met by taking this programme.

Variations

5 In exceptional circumstances Senate or its representative may approve a personal programme which does not conform to these regulations.

Amendment

6 These regulations have been amended with effect from 1 January 2001.

Academic English Studies

Academic English Studies offers credit courses for international students and New Zealand residents whose first language is not English.

A range of courses is offered with the aim of improving academic English skills and increasing proficiency in reading and writing for academic purposes. Students gain credit points for successfully passing each course.

ACADENG 100 develops skills in English grammar and vocabulary for academic reading and writing. ACADENG 101 focuses on academic writing, and the skills needed for basic academic essays. ACADENG 104 focuses on academic English skills to help Business students understand and express business-related concepts. At Stage II level, ACADENG 210 is an advanced academic writing course for students who need to write academic research reports.

ACADENG 100, ACADENG 101 and ACADENG 104 are approved courses for students who have not met the Academic English Language Requirement (AELR). ACADENG 104 can be taken as an elective but priority is given to Business students who need the course to meet the AELR.

Further information may be obtained from the School of Cultures, Languages and Linguistics, Faculty of Arts. Phone: +64 9 373 7599 ext 86727.

New Start

New Start provides part-time University preparation courses for adults over the age of 20 who need skills and confidence to undertake academic study. No previous qualifications are required. Students are required to be New Zealand citizens or permanent residents.

Students gain information on the structure of university degrees, and an insight into the standard of work expected. Educational guidance is an integral part of New Start and ongoing planning is offered during the semester.

In addition, students are required to complete the University of Auckland Academic Integrity ACADINT A01 course and the Diagnostic English Language Needs Assessment (DELNA) while they are with New Start.

New Start General NSGEN 47

New Start General introduces students to a variety of lecture topics in communications, education, humanities, law and social sciences, and offers tutorials, assignments with written feedback and a final test.

This is a 13-week part-time, day or evening course, also with weekend options, providing a comprehensive overview of first-year degree study. This course is compulsory for all students. Depending on the final grade achieved students

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may apply for admission into an undergraduate degree in the faculties of Arts, Business, Education and Social Work and Law

New Start General is offered at three campuses throughout the year: University of Auckland City Campus (Semester One or Semester Two), Te Papa Ako o Tai Tonga Campus, Manukau (Semester One) and Tai Tokerau Campus in Whāngarei (Summer School).

New Start Mathematics

Two mathematics papers are taught at the University of Auckland City Campus: Mathematics Fundamentals NSMAT 10 and Mathematics Preparation for University NSMAT 14. Students intending to enrol in these courses must first sit a maths assessment.

Note that Mathematics Preparation for University is designed to be taken with New Start General as a pathway to Business School. Results will be used to recommend the best pathway for students.

Mathematics Fundamentals NSMAT 10

Mathematics Fundamentals NSMAT 10 is a short intensive course taught over four consecutive Saturdays in a workshop environment designed to build students' skills and confidence. Students will be working together collaboratively, either as a class or in groups, but sometimes there will be lectures. The course includes assignments and a final test. Students who require additional mathematics support are advised to enrol in this course before undertaking Mathematics Preparation for University NSMAT 14.

This course is offered in Summer School or can be taken in the mid-semester break before the start of Semester Two.

Mathematics Preparation for University NSMAT 14

A variety of topics of everyday interest is explored with the aim of clarifying the underlying mathematics and statistics.

This is a 12-week part-time course held in Semester One or Semester Two. The course includes lectures, assignments and a final test.

This course is compulsory and taken together with New Start General NSGEN 47 for students planning to pathway to an undergraduate degree in Commerce or Property at the University's Business School.

A grade of A- or above achieved in this course and New Start General NSGEN 47 enables students to apply for admission to the Bachelor of Commerce or Bachelor of Property. Students with a B range grade are still welcome to apply and their application will be assessed individually by the faculty.

Further Information

Further information can be obtained from:

New Start Office Building 206 14–16 Symonds Street Auckland 1010.

Email: newstart@auckland.ac.nz Website: www.auckland.ac.nz/newstart

Public Programmes - Event Services

Event Services offers lifelong learning opportunities through the delivery of courses, public lectures, workshops and conferences that all draw upon the expertise of the University.

Most events are open to members of the public and are delivered in various formats, including day and evening lectures, seminars, webinars and workshops. It is also possible to join undergraduate students in selected University lecture courses.

For more information visit https://unievents.auckland.ac.nz or https://www.publicprogrammes.ac.nz or email eventservices@auckland.ac.nz.

English Language Academy - ELA

The University of Auckland's English Language Academy (ELA) provides a range of English language courses for international students including University Pathway Programmes (for entry to University of Auckland programmes), Academic English and General English courses, bespoke Group Programmes and Teacher Training (English language) courses. ELA is an accredited IELTS, Cambridge English and PTE Academic testing centre. Established over 20 years ago by world-renowned linguist Emeritus Distinguished Professor Rod Ellis, ELA provides students with a quality learning environment with qualified and experienced English language teachers, student services including pastoral care, a study centre and a range of other support services for students.

For more information visit: www.ela.auckland.ac.nz