Real New Zealand Adventure

Start your gap year with the University of Auckland

Seize this perfect chance to explore cultures, travel, work, make friends, and expand your global network before your next stage of life.
Auckland, a great place to study and live

Spend a year in Auckland, New Zealand’s biggest and most diverse city! As the best-connected city in the country, you’ll have easy access to all the natural wonders of the country and the rest Pacific region.

What does a gap year look like with us

First, you will spend a semester (4 months) at the University of Auckland studying interesting subject areas. This will give you an opportunity to get familiarised with the country and get connected with local kiwi students. You will then go on to further adventures working and travelling around the country for the last part of your gap year.

Programme highlights

• Get a head start at a university ranked in the top 100 in QS World University Ranking* ¹
• Enjoy living close to stunning beaches, untouched forest and tranquil islands while studying in the heart of New Zealand’s largest and most diverse city
• From sailing to surfing and everything in between - go on an adventure and meet new friends through the University of Auckland student clubs
• Get paid while gaining international work experience and exploring New Zealand’s world-famous mountains, beaches, glaciers, rainforests and more
• Make kiwi friends and experience the New Zealand lifestyle - learn why we are considered one of the happiest countries in the world!

Interesting courses

Innovation and Entrepreneurship

• COMMS 102 Communication and Social Change
• INNOVATE 100 Innovation through Design
• INTBUS 151 Business across Borders
• INNOVENT 203 The Entrepreneurial Mindset

Sustainability

• ENVCHG 100 Global Climate Change
• ENVSCI 101 Environment, Science and Management
• GLOBAL 101 Global Issues, Sustainable Future
• SUTAIN 100 Sustainability and Us

*You are not limited to courses here and can choose courses from over 100 subject areas.

New Zealand

Māori name: Aotearoa
Population: 5,151,600
Geography: Three main islands (North Island, South Island and Stewart Island); Total land area the size of Colorado
Largest city: Auckland
Capital: Wellington
Official languages: English, Māori, New Zealand Sign Language
Currency: New Zealand Dollar

Auckland

Māori name: Tāmaki Makaurau
Population: 1,571,718
NickName: The City of Sails
Climate: Temperatures range from an average of 24°C (75°F) in summer to 16°C (60°F) in winter. Landscape: Two harbours, 50 islands, 48 volcanoes, hundreds of beaches, 35 regional parks, rainforests.

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¹QS World University Rankings 2024
²QS Graduate Employability Rankings 2024
³QS World University Rankings by Subject 2024