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# Arts

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Te Wānanga o Waipapa - Māori Studies and Pacific Studies



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# *Nau mai, haere mai, kuhu mai!*

## **A warm welcome to the Faculty of Arts**

### **Arts students and graduates are changemakers and influencers.**

Our Bachelor of Arts gives you unique opportunities to prepare for life in an exciting, uncertain and rapidly changing world.

I invite you to start your journey by studying what really interests you about society, cultures and peoples. Discover the richness of human life, explore today's pressing challenges and get immersed in topics that inspire you.

Your BA study will stretch your boundaries, give you the flexibility to adapt to new perspectives, and help you develop the skills to challenge assumptions, critically assess information, solve problems and communicate effectively.

You will be well equipped to take advantage of many different and emerging career possibilities in a world which increasingly values creativity, communication and strategic thinking.

You will also gain the understanding to help transform our world. Our graduates work thoughtfully and creatively to solve local and global challenges such as threats to the environment, social upheaval, inequality and injustice.

Come and contribute to our society as an informed, well-rounded global citizen and help shape the world. Embrace the prospects of diverse and exciting career opportunities and own your future. I am delighted that we can help you on your way.



**PROFESSOR ROBERT GREENBERG**  
Dean of Arts  
The University of Auckland

### **Ko te pae tawhiti whāia kia tata, Ko te pae tata whakamaua kia tīna.**

#### ***Seek out the distant horizons And cherish those you attain***

Welcome to our faculty, where Māori and Pacific worldviews are acknowledged, giving all of our students a firm foundation to stand on as they launch out into an uncertain world.

Welcome to our faculty, where your mana and tapu will be acknowledged and respected, making for a safe, inclusive and diverse place of learning.

And welcome to our faculty, where we strive for world-class excellence, and where the skills, gifts and resources you bring will be the basis for your success.

Welcome, and come with us as we set out on a journey seeking new horizons, and you look forward to an exciting future.



**DR HIRINI KAA**  
Kaiārahi, Faculty of Arts  
The University of Auckland

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**“Once you get your foot in the door in the professional world you realise that a BA is applicable to more career options than you might initially think.**

*“I decided to study for a BA because I loved the breadth of majors available and the flexibility to take courses in different subjects outside of your majors.*

*“I undertook my internship at Netball NZ in their Communications team. Working in a small professional office was interesting and not as scary as it might seem once you get to work. However, my time in the workplace was limited due to the Covid-19 lockdown.*

*“My project focused on the influence of Māori and Pasifika peoples on the ANZ Premiership teams. I researched the available literature on Māori and Pasifika participation in sport in New Zealand, identified and interviewed a number of prominent figures in the ANZ Premiership community, and then analysed and synthesised the information from the interviews into a report for Netball NZ.*

*“The experience was incredibly unique, and I was given the opportunity to take the lead on the interviews. This responsibility helped me to develop invaluable communication and organisational skills.*

*“The internship also helped me to develop confidence and I learnt to really back myself throughout the project.”*

## **Liz Lotoa**

**Student: Bachelor of Arts, majoring in Politics and International Relations/  
Bachelor of Law (Honours) conjoint**

**Liz is a recipient of a University of Auckland Top Achiever Scholarship and a Summer Research Scholarship.**



# Why study Arts?

The more you understand our world, the better you can shape it. Your study in Arts will help you make a difference to our society and our world and give you many different future pathways. Choose from a wide range of study possibilities that explore cultures, societies and peoples in all their diversity. Future-proof your career with a degree from New Zealand's most highly ranked Arts faculty.\*

## Choose the subjects that inspire you

What is meaningful to you? Studying for a BA gives you multiple lenses with which to explore many different aspects of culture and society. You'll have the opportunity to engage with the critical challenges of today's world, such as social justice and inequities, diversity, globalisation and sustainability. Whatever you choose to study, you will be able to increase your awareness of social and ethical issues, values and perspectives.

## Enjoy flexibility

Choose from a wide selection of majors across the humanities, social sciences, cultures and languages. Discover something new such as Criminology, or continue with the subjects you have enjoyed at school.

You have the freedom and flexibility to try out different subjects in your first year before you choose the two majors you need for your degree. Many of our subjects complement each other well, giving you an enriched learning experience.

## Achieve your potential with our double major

The BA double major gives your degree a strong dual focus and academic depth, enabling you to develop substantial, advanced knowledge in two fields. You will decide on your two majors at the end of your first year.

With two BA majors, you will be strongly placed to think and work across different areas of knowledge and to look at questions and topics from different angles.

Many of our majors go well together. For suggested strong double major combinations, see page 7. Alternatively, you are free to pursue less usual combinations to suit your interests. You could also choose to take a combination of majors with a specific career interest in mind.

## Future-proof your career

The world of work is being transformed through social and economic change, digital disruption and globalisation. Our BA will develop the skills and adaptability you will need to thrive in a future of new jobs, industries and career opportunities.

## Combine the BA with another degree

Pursue your interests in two different fields by taking a conjoint programme, which allows you to combine the BA with another degree. You will take two degrees at the same time and complete them in less time than if you had taken them separately.

You will benefit from the creative thinking and communication skills developed through BA study, enrich your learning and extend your skill set.

Choose to take a BA alongside a completely different degree such as Engineering, or combine complementary degrees, such as a BA with a Bachelor of Commerce.

## Join our Arts Scholars programme

If you're passionate, creative and doing well academically, join Arts Scholars and take your degree to the next level. As part of a tight-knit and engaged whānau of academic staff and students, you will participate in seminars, work on research projects and pursue experiential learning in topics beyond your majors.

Through collaborative teamwork, co-creation, analysis and problem solving, you'll look at issues of social, economic and cultural impact, providing yourself with a transformative educational experience. Arts Scholars also offers individual support and one-on-one mentoring from our top academics. Places in the programme are limited, and entry is by application.

[www.arts.auckland.ac.nz/arts-scholars](http://www.arts.auckland.ac.nz/arts-scholars)

\*QS World Rankings by Subject 2020.

**Give your  
future more  
possibilities.  
Be adaptable  
with a BA.**

**Find out more**  
[auckland.ac.nz/ba](http://auckland.ac.nz/ba)

# Change the world

It's not just where your BA can take you, but where you can take your BA. Our graduates work in all areas of society and business, in Aotearoa and around the world. They challenge the status quo and have the knowledge and skills to make a positive difference in whatever pathway they choose. The "human" skills you gain from a BA such as creative and critical thinking, empathy and cultural competence, are difficult to replace with technology and will be increasingly valuable in the future world of work.

## BA graduates can:

### Think critically and creatively

Thinking skills enable organisations to improve and innovate.

BA study involves asking questions as opposed to being presented with "right" answers, enabling you to push ideas further. Through classroom discussions, engagement with evidence and source materials, and formal assessment you will become practised at testing, challenging and prioritising your ideas and those of others.

### Communicate effectively

Strong communication skills are critical for workplace success. Professionals are expected to communicate effectively with clients, write proposals, reports and business cases, contribute to meetings and give presentations.

The power of the written and spoken word is at the heart of the BA, and all Arts subjects are assessed through writing and/or speaking in various forms. In many courses you will work as part of a group of students and/or give presentations. This will help you to hone your communication skills and develop confidence with directly presenting or talking about your ideas to others.

### Be adaptable

Flexible thinking, adaptability and openness to new ways of thinking and doing things are essential if you wish to thrive and progress in the fast-changing world of work.

The BA explores different but equally valid viewpoints and works within constantly changing contexts and possibilities. This approach encourages open-ended thinking and the ability to revisit, adapt and refine ideas.

### Develop cultural competency and empathy

Cultural competency and knowledge of Treaty of Waitangi principles are a requirement for careers with a community or social focus, in the public sector, teaching and increasingly in business and industry.

Develop cultural competency within the context of Aotearoa in the 21st century by engaging with Māori and Pacific worldviews and the Treaty of Waitangi through course content and faculty events that are open to all students. Your in-depth understanding of cultures and perspectives will expand your view of the world and develop your empathy and sensitivity.

### Find solutions

Gain the skills to be a self-managing professional who can think clearly and come up with effective solutions for more positive results.

There are many opportunities for you to examine real-world problems at a high level, and you will be challenged to formulate and offer your solutions. For example, you might consider practical approaches to crime, poverty and social justice by studying Sociology and Criminology.

### Prepare for your career while you study

Our suite of career-focused courses will help to further develop your skills for future careers and prepare you for life after your degree. They're a great opportunity to build on and apply the skills you're already developing through your other studies.

### Crafting your career

This course offers a unique opportunity for project-based, collaborative, problem-solving exercises to help you identify and hone personal attributes. Get future-ready by understanding, developing and communicating the skills that are essential for your career success. Hone your employability mind-set. Gain greater self-awareness, confidence and resilience.

### Understanding the workplace

This course builds on work or similar activities that you are pursuing outside of university study. You will research how your organisation works, analyse the skills you are developing and learn about other workplace dynamics. You'll also examine your organisation's level of social and environmental responsibility, cultural awareness and sustainability, and will present a case study summarising key challenges and solutions.

### Internship

Undertake an internship project at a business or community enterprise either locally or overseas. Align your internship with your future career interests and experience life "on the job". Apply the skills you have developed and build new skills and relationships that will enhance your employability.

[www.arts.auckland.ac.nz/career](http://www.arts.auckland.ac.nz/career)

### Graduate careers

Some of the careers our graduates have moved into are: Content and Advertising Manager, Specialist Archaeologist, Business Development Manager, Multiplatform Journalist, Game Designer, Foreign Policy Officer, Museum Director, English Language Teacher, Medical Interpreter, and more.

**Read about  
our graduates  
and their career  
stories online**

**Find out more**

[arts.auckland.ac.nz/graduates](http://arts.auckland.ac.nz/graduates)

## Match your majors to a career

Build a strong platform for future careers by combining complementary majors. Here are just a few examples:

### Advertising, marketing and communications

- Communication
- English
- Media, Film and Television
- Politics and International Relations
- Psychology
- Sociology

### Business and management

- Communication
- Economics
- Employment Relations and Organisational Studies
- History
- Politics and International Relations
- Psychology
- Sociology

### Policy and government

- Communication
- Criminology
- Economics
- Māori studies
- Pacific Studies
- Politics and International Relations
- Psychology
- Sociology

### Media

- Communication
- Drama
- English
- Logic and Computation
- Media, Film and Television
- Politics and International Relations

### Museums and Cultural Heritage

- Anthropology
- Art History
- Classical Studies and Ancient History
- Geography
- History
- Māori Studies
- Pacific Studies

### International development

- Anthropology
- Economics
- Geography
- History
- Politics and International Relations
- Sociology

### Language teaching

- Education
- Languages
- Linguistics
- TESOL



*“I was deployed to the Ministry’s COVID-19 policy response. My team delivered critical policy for New Zealand’s response to this global event. It required a high level of initiative, efficiency and the ability to communicate clearly with a variety of people.”*

**George  
Tereapii Greig**

Graduate: Bachelor of Arts, majoring in Sociology and Media, Film and Television/  
Bachelor of Laws conjoint

*Foreign Policy Officer, Ministry of Foreign  
Affairs and Trade Manatū Aorere*

# BA majors

## History, literature and philosophy

### Art History

Learn how knowledge and power, self and other, love and death have been transformed into enduring works of art in the great cultural traditions of the world. As well as painting, drawing and sculpture, you can explore photography, video, digital and computer-based art, performance art, cartoons, design, weaving, carving, prints and architecture. Art History builds your visual literacy, helping you to better understand and navigate the increasingly complex world of images.

[www.arts.auckland.ac.nz/art-history](http://www.arts.auckland.ac.nz/art-history)

### Classical Studies and Ancient History

We offer first-year courses on broad themes in classical literature and in ancient history. These are followed by advanced courses on topics in Egyptian, Greek, and Roman political, military and social history and culture, as well as ancient literature, philosophy and art.

[www.arts.auckland.ac.nz/classical-studies-and-ancient-history](http://www.arts.auckland.ac.nz/classical-studies-and-ancient-history)

### English

Develop critical reading and writing skills and gain an in-depth knowledge of cultural history. You can take courses in reading, writing and thinking about texts written in English, from the classics of British and American literature to exciting imaginative writing across the world today. You can also take courses that develop your own creative writing skills and interests.

[www.arts.auckland.ac.nz/english](http://www.arts.auckland.ac.nz/english)

### History

History explores every dimension of the past and gives you insight into how it has made the present. By developing your understanding of the past, you will gain highly sought-after skills and discover how you can shape your future and our world.

[www.arts.auckland.ac.nz/history](http://www.arts.auckland.ac.nz/history)

### Philosophy

Philosophy uses reason to examine fundamental questions about human nature and our place in the world. Through respectful discussion, you will explore whether we can have knowledge about values and reality. Studying Philosophy can develop your reasoning skills and your ability to analyse and critique arguments.

[www.arts.auckland.ac.nz/philosophy](http://www.arts.auckland.ac.nz/philosophy)

## Theological and Religious Studies

Religion is complex, always changing, and key to understanding how people think and act both locally and globally. You can gain specific insight into particular religions, and develop a broader knowledge of religion as a whole. You can also look at how historical, social, political and cultural trends are shaped by religion today. Not all students who study religion are religious themselves; all you need is an inquiring mind and a passion to learn more about the impact and significance of religion in the world around us.

[www.arts.auckland.ac.nz/theological-and-religious-studies](http://www.arts.auckland.ac.nz/theological-and-religious-studies)

## Society, politics and people

### Anthropology

Anthropology is the study of humans as biological and cultural beings, past and present. It explores both human similarities and human differences. At the University of Auckland, Anthropology includes Archaeology, Biological Anthropology, Social Anthropology and Ethnomusicology. You can specialise in one or more of these sub-fields. Our students learn to think critically about what it means to be human in relation both to their own and other societies.

[www.arts.auckland.ac.nz/anthropology](http://www.arts.auckland.ac.nz/anthropology)

### Gender Studies

Gender Studies is an interdisciplinary programme that examines how gender has been created and understood in the past, present and possible future. We consider how women and femininity, men and masculinity, trans and non-binary genders are defined and related. Gender Studies explores the relationship between genders, and between sexuality and gender, across a wide range of areas, including society, politics, history, the arts, education, religion and literature.

[www.arts.auckland.ac.nz/gender](http://www.arts.auckland.ac.nz/gender)

### Politics and International Relations

Politics and International Relations is about power, authority, influence, conflict and co-operation. You will study the political structures, processes and relationships that govern our everyday lives, both here in New Zealand and across the globe. You can explore a range of political problems, including questions about multiculturalism, democracy, the role of the media in debates about climate change, human rights and peacebuilding.

[www.arts.auckland.ac.nz/politics](http://www.arts.auckland.ac.nz/politics)

## Psychology

Psychology is the study of how people think, feel and behave. We examine how the brain works, how children develop, and how people interact with their world. We explore aspects of behaviour and wellbeing, such as how people cope with stressful life events. We also study human personality and intelligence, and people's experiences of mental illness.

[www.arts.auckland.ac.nz/psychology](http://www.arts.auckland.ac.nz/psychology)

## Sociology

Sociology is the critical study of the society in which we live. It studies how we are affected by society and invites us to reflect on our place in it and how it is changing. In addition to learning traditional sociological theory and methods, you will have the opportunity to develop deeper knowledge of specific areas such as the environment, ethnicity, family, public policy and much more.

[www.arts.auckland.ac.nz/sociology](http://www.arts.auckland.ac.nz/sociology)

## Māori, Pacific and Indigenous worlds

### Māori Studies

Celebrate the language, history, culture, and performing arts of the Māori world. You can study Māori language from beginners to advanced levels, learn about Te Ao Māori (the Māori world) and develop your knowledge of issues affecting Māori and other Indigenous peoples. You can also study Māori histories, politics, kaitiakitanga (environmental guardianship), incarceration / decarceration, kapa haka, Indigenous justice, psychologies, policy and research methodologies.

[www.arts.auckland.ac.nz/maori](http://www.arts.auckland.ac.nz/maori)

### Pacific Studies

Explore the many sides of Pacific life to develop your knowledge of the region – from history and culture to language, art and performance. The main areas of study include: health and wellbeing; identities and spirituality; history, politics and society; languages, Indigenous knowledge, performance and cultural heritage; leadership, innovation and sustainability.

[www.arts.auckland.ac.nz/pacific](http://www.arts.auckland.ac.nz/pacific)



## Education and teaching

### Education

Our Education major covers a wide range of engaging and important issues, such as educational psychology, sociology, history, philosophy, child and adolescent development, and Māori and Pacific education. Your study will be informed by the latest research in education and delivered by lecturers who are experts in their fields.

[www.arts.auckland.ac.nz/education](http://www.arts.auckland.ac.nz/education)

### Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL)

TESOL provides excellent preparation for an accredited teaching qualification. You will study basic communicative language teaching theories, approaches and techniques. We also offer more specialised courses in the ESOL curriculum, written literacies, and textual analysis using computer based tools. Opportunities to teach locally or overseas and to complete a teaching practice-based course are available in the TESOL major.

[www.arts.auckland.ac.nz/tesol](http://www.arts.auckland.ac.nz/tesol)

## Justice and law

### Criminology

Criminology focuses on both the causes of crime and the different ways in which societies respond to deviance. We consider topics including restorative justice, cybercrime, penology, gender, policing, prisons, cultural criminology, justice policies and Indigenous criminology. You will take Sociology courses at Stage I and Criminology courses at Stages II and III.

[www.arts.auckland.ac.nz/criminology](http://www.arts.auckland.ac.nz/criminology)

## Media and communication

### Communication

The media sell us everything from toothpaste to politicians. Communication technologies such as TV and Twitter can bring us together or tear us apart. As a communication student you'll explore ideas and develop skills to navigate our digitally mediated world and shape its future. Learn how online journalism, surveillance, advertising, games, algorithms, platforms, and persuasive technologies of all kinds are transforming our industries, leisure, politics, identities, and relationships to each other.

[www.arts.auckland.ac.nz/communication](http://www.arts.auckland.ac.nz/communication)

### Media, Film and Television

Explore the significance of media in our everyday lives. Examine texts, contexts, technologies and industries across many forms of media, including digital platforms, film, television, popular music, comics and video games. Our courses combine analytical thinking with a

passion for genres such as horror, science fiction, action, environmental justice, and documentary. Our scope is both international and focused on Aotearoa New Zealand.

[www.arts.auckland.ac.nz/media-film-tv](http://www.arts.auckland.ac.nz/media-film-tv)

## Languages and cultures

### Academic English Studies and Linguistics

If you speak English as an additional language, you can combine the study of academic English language with the study of linguistics. As well as improving your skills in academic English, you can develop an understanding of how languages work. You will also study the principles of language teaching and learning.

[www.arts.auckland.ac.nz/academic-english-linguistics](http://www.arts.auckland.ac.nz/academic-english-linguistics)

### Asian Studies

Discover the diverse cultures of Asia, both past and present. You can acquire a broad and deep knowledge of Asia by studying its film, history, society, popular culture, religion and politics. A knowledge of Asian languages is not required.

[www.arts.auckland.ac.nz/asian](http://www.arts.auckland.ac.nz/asian)

### Chinese

Knowledge of China – a major power with a rich civilisation – is a key asset for careers in business, arts, and sciences alike. Whether you are a beginner or an advanced learner, you can develop competence in China's language and, with or without language study, deepen your understanding of its culture, history, literature, film and politics.

[www.arts.auckland.ac.nz/chinese](http://www.arts.auckland.ac.nz/chinese)

### European Studies

European Studies includes courses from a number of disciplines in the Faculty of Arts that focus on different aspects of Europe and European culture, history, politics and thought.

[www.arts.auckland.ac.nz/european](http://www.arts.auckland.ac.nz/european)

### French

Widely spoken on five continents and the South Pacific (New Caledonia and Tahiti/French Polynesia), French is one of the major languages of diplomacy and international organisations. You can develop not only language skills, but also a knowledge of the culture, history and literature of France and the French-speaking world.

[www.arts.auckland.ac.nz/french](http://www.arts.auckland.ac.nz/french)

### German

Studying German is a great way to introduce yourself to the rich culture of Germany, and to discover its influence in language, film and literature and its connections with New Zealand. German language and (applied) linguistics courses can give you an in-depth understanding and communication skills in the most widely spoken language in the European Union.

[www.arts.auckland.ac.nz/german](http://www.arts.auckland.ac.nz/german)

### Italian

Study the language and culture of Italy. You can focus on contemporary literature, film and drama, or medieval and Renaissance culture. You can take some courses without having to study the language. Italian can enhance careers in translation, tourism, interpreting or business.

[www.arts.auckland.ac.nz/italian](http://www.arts.auckland.ac.nz/italian)

### Japanese

You can combine language learning with courses that explore Japanese culture, society, history, linguistics and religion. Language proficiency and cultural awareness are intimately connected, so with a background in Japanese language, you can develop deep cultural insight.

[www.arts.auckland.ac.nz/japanese](http://www.arts.auckland.ac.nz/japanese)

### Korean

Korea and New Zealand are important trading partners. Known to be a dynamic society and vibrant culture, Korea's importance is growing in the global arena. You can study Korean society, culture, politics, and history as well as the language. Language courses are available for both beginners and advanced learners.

[www.arts.auckland.ac.nz/korean](http://www.arts.auckland.ac.nz/korean)



*“I was taught to see the world through many different lenses and to approach things with an open, creative mindset. This has helped me reach my potential as a writer and content producer.”*

*“Majoring in Media, Film and Television gave me invaluable skills for understanding different forms of media and thinking critically about the messages they portray. The lecturers’ passion for teaching in this field cemented my love for the subject.”*

*“Because an Arts degree is so flexible, I was also able to pick courses outside of my majors, in History, English, Politics and International Relations and Marketing.”*

*“In my current role, I am responsible for the copywriting, communications and content for our website, social media, donor communications and media relations. I also work closely with our Family Support Team.”*

*“It is such a privilege talking with the whānau we support and being able to tell their stories. These kids and families are so inspirational. They are going through one of the hardest experiences imaginable but remain so resilient, hopeful and grateful.”*

## **Harriet Keown**

**Graduate: Bachelor of Arts, majoring in French and Media, Film and Television**

**Content Specialist at Child Cancer Foundation**

Harriet was the recipient of a University of Auckland Scholarship, 360 International Exchange Award, and a Summer Research Scholarship.



## Latin

The Romans left literature of enduring importance in poetry, drama, satire, history, philosophy and more. Learning Latin allows you to read this literature in its original form, gaining a deeper understanding of Roman culture and many modern languages, including English.

[www.arts.auckland.ac.nz/latin](http://www.arts.auckland.ac.nz/latin)

## Linguistics

Linguistics is the study of language as a human activity. You can explore how we combine words into phrases and sentences, how we convey social information, how language changes, how children learn language, and even how we understand what is meant but has not been said.

[www.arts.auckland.ac.nz/linguistics](http://www.arts.auckland.ac.nz/linguistics)

## Spanish

Spanish is spoken by more than 500 million people in more than 20 countries, and is the second most widely used language in the world. You can learn the language from beginners to advanced levels. You can also study the cultures and literatures of Spain and Latin America, including film, music and popular culture.

[www.arts.auckland.ac.nz/spanish](http://www.arts.auckland.ac.nz/spanish)

## Performing arts

### Drama

We combine the literary study of drama with experience in all aspects of performance. As well as learning about the history of theatre, you will have the opportunity develop skills in speaking and presentation, acting and staging. Coursework includes the opportunity to participate in a public production directed by an outside professional.

[www.arts.auckland.ac.nz/drama](http://www.arts.auckland.ac.nz/drama)

### Music

Music for the BA covers musical skills as well as analysis, cultural context, pedagogy and history of music, music production and technology.

[www.arts.auckland.ac.nz/music](http://www.arts.auckland.ac.nz/music)

## Business and commerce

### Economics

Economics gives you an appreciation of how modern societies function economically. You can gain an understanding of economic principles and apply them to real-world issues. Entry is competitive.

[www.arts.auckland.ac.nz/economics](http://www.arts.auckland.ac.nz/economics)

## Employment Relations and Organisation Studies

Understand organisations and the relations between the people in them. Examine questions about business, employment and society, and study topics that are at the heart of any experience of work.

[www.arts.auckland.ac.nz/employment-relations](http://www.arts.auckland.ac.nz/employment-relations)

## Science and mathematics

### Geography

Geographers ask questions about society and the environment. You can study how cities are shaped; how global issues affect local places; how social, environmental and economic factors shape people and places; how coastal and river operate; why climate is important; and how environmental hazards can be predicted.

[www.auckland.ac.nz/geography](http://www.auckland.ac.nz/geography)

### Logic and Computation

The way in which a computer works is closely related to the laws of thought and the structure of language. You can study the symbolic representation of language, thoughts, arguments and methods of computation. You can also increase your knowledge of human rationality and the design of computer software.

[www.arts.auckland.ac.nz/logic-computation](http://www.arts.auckland.ac.nz/logic-computation)

### Mathematics

Mathematics can be challenging, powerful and fascinating, but above all it is useful. It makes essential contributions to science, medicine and business, as well as to communications, linguistics and genetics. Wherever problems need to be solved, mathematics has a role to play.

[www.arts.auckland.ac.nz/maths](http://www.arts.auckland.ac.nz/maths)

### Statistics

Statistics is the science and art of extracting meaning from data. Statistical arguments pervade the media and are at the core of much public policy debate. In our data-rich world we increasingly need to interpret and critically evaluate statistical information.

[www.arts.auckland.ac.nz/statistics](http://www.arts.auckland.ac.nz/statistics)

## Additional subjects

You can also take individual courses in:

### Academic English Studies

[www.arts.auckland.ac.nz/academic-english](http://www.arts.auckland.ac.nz/academic-english)

### Comparative Literature

[www.arts.auckland.ac.nz/comparative-literature](http://www.arts.auckland.ac.nz/comparative-literature)

### Cook Islands Māori

[www.arts.auckland.ac.nz/cook-islands-maori](http://www.arts.auckland.ac.nz/cook-islands-maori)

### English Writing

[www.arts.auckland.ac.nz/english-writing](http://www.arts.auckland.ac.nz/english-writing)

### Greek

[www.arts.auckland.ac.nz/greek](http://www.arts.auckland.ac.nz/greek)

### Humanities

[www.arts.auckland.ac.nz/humanities](http://www.arts.auckland.ac.nz/humanities)

### Russian

[www.arts.auckland.ac.nz/russian](http://www.arts.auckland.ac.nz/russian)

### Samoan

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# Extend your skill set with a module

Our optional modules can complement your majors and add extra value to your degree.

## What are modules?

A module is a grouping of three skills-based courses on a particular theme. You can choose to take a module as a way of focusing the study outside your majors on a specific area. Your completed module will appear on your academic transcript.

Taking a module doesn't mean additional courses on top of your degree, but including them as part of your degree.

## Why should I take a module?

Modules are designed to complement the skills you'll develop in your other BA study and to enhance and diversify your skill set for future careers. Alongside your majors, you could use a module to create a focused study path on a topic such as sustainability or innovation and entrepreneurship.

*Diversify your  
skill set for  
future careers*

*Find out more*  
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## Modules available

### Citizenship of Aotearoa New Zealand

Become a more informed citizen by enhancing your knowledge of the history, society and culture of Aotearoa New Zealand and your ability to contribute to New Zealand society.

### Coding and Logic

Develop the skills to represent, construct and evaluate arguments, and learn formal methods for reasoning about difficult concepts.

### Community Service in Youth Development

Gain important practical skills by working directly with a young person as a youth mentor and develop an understanding of youth theory and research.

### Critical Thinking

Equip yourself with the analytical and critical thinking skills required for effective problem solving in the workplace.

### Innovation and Entrepreneurship

Understand the process of identifying and creating opportunities for new approaches, products and enterprises to deliver creative solutions and meet user needs.

### Language Teaching and Learning

Learn an additional language – an essential experience for any prospective language teacher. We offer two introductory courses on how additional or foreign languages are taught and learned.

### Māori, Pacific and Indigenous Knowledges

Deepen your insight into Māori, Pacific and Indigenous worlds and worldviews using historical and contemporary perspectives, exploring topics such as colonisation, identity and language.

### Modern Languages

Gain basic competency in a contemporary language, or build upon your existing competency, and enhance your awareness of other cultures and perspectives.

### Public Policy

Build your expertise in the core principles, concepts and methods of public policy research and analysis.

### Science in Society

Acquire critical skills and understanding in communication, innovation and engagement in order to help address societal issues.

### Spatial Information and Analysis

Learn how data collected by satellites and drones, government-sourced data, and social media content can be used to examine a wide range of social and natural processes.

### Studies in Urban Wellbeing

Gain an interdisciplinary overview of the status and dynamics of contemporary urbanism, including key challenges to wellbeing such as food politics and achieving sustainable settlements.

### Sustainability

Develop your understanding of sustainability to make an informed contribution to solving this significant social challenge.

### Teaching in Society

Foster a capacity to think like a teacher in the broadest sense and critically engage with ideas about public pedagogy and its educative reach in society.

### Visual Literacy: Researching Images

Learn to read images across a range of media and platforms to understand and navigate a world that is saturated with visual information.



*“An Arts degree provides a lot of relevant technical and soft skills that are transferable to many industries and are in demand by employers more than ever before.*”

*“Working in governance is always interesting. It’s varied and can involve the whole council family, government agencies and the community. I enjoy being in a role that has a positive influence on the development of our city and our local communities.*”

*“I chose to study Arts because of the various subjects to choose from and the postgraduate and career pathways that it offered. I did a range of courses and ended up majoring in two subjects that I hadn’t considered before. By studying Arts, I could define the career that was right for me.*”

*“Some practical advice: take a few key courses during your studies. One in English writing, one in research, one in statistics and one in Te Tiriti o Waitangi. These courses will give you key skills and knowledge that can be applied more generally.”*

## **Christie McFadyen**

Ngāti Maniapoto

Graduate: Bachelor of Arts, majoring in Sociology and History

Senior Advisor Governance Capability,  
Auckland Council

# Bachelor of Arts (BA)

## Quick facts – BA

**Full-time:** 3 years (part-time study also available)

**Points per degree:** 360 (24 x 15-point courses)

**Taught at:** City Campus

**Application closing date:** 8 December 2021 and 4 July 2022 (Late applications will be considered if places are available.)

**Classes start:** 28 February and 18 July 2022

## Highlights

- Enjoy the freedom and flexibility to choose from a wide range of study possibilities and to study the subjects you love.
- Choose from a diverse range of majors, including some offered in other degrees, such as Psychology.
- Graduate with substantial knowledge in two major subjects.
- Extend your skills in specific areas by taking an optional module.
- Engage with the critical challenges of today's world and enhance your understanding and appreciation of different perspectives.
- Engage with Māori and Pacific worlds and worldviews through course content, events and activities
- Keep your options open for future careers by developing the capabilities that employers look for and the skills that will meet the needs of a fast-changing world.

## Programme structure

The BA takes three years to complete if you are studying full time.

You will choose two BA subjects as your two majors (your “double major”). You will take eight courses (120 points) in each major. These must include at least three courses (45 points) at Stage III, the most advanced undergraduate level, in each major.

As well as your majors, you can take a module or elective courses in other subjects. You must study at least three BA subjects (including your two majors). You will also complete two General Education courses.

At least half the courses for your degree (12 courses or 180 points) must be above Stage I. The courses for your majors are included in this total.

## Sample BA programme structure

YEAR ONE	120 points	YEAR TWO	120 points	YEAR THREE	120 points
<b>Stage I course</b> <i>First major</i>	15 points	<b>Stage II course</b> <i>First major</i>	15 points	<b>Stage III course</b> <i>First major</i>	15 points
<b>Stage I course</b> <i>First major</i>	15 points	<b>Stage II course</b> <i>First major</i>	15 points	<b>Stage III course</b> <i>First major</i>	15 points
<b>Stage I course</b> <i>Second major</i>	15 points	<b>Stage II course</b> <i>First major</i>	15 points	<b>Stage III course</b> <i>First major</i>	15 points
<b>Stage I course</b> <i>Second major</i>	15 points	<b>Stage II course</b> <i>Second major</i>	15 points	<b>Stage III course</b> <i>Second major</i>	15 points
<b>Stage I course</b> <i>Elective course</i>	15 points	<b>Stage II course</b> <i>Second major</i>	15 points	<b>Stage III course</b> <i>Second major</i>	15 points
<b>Stage I course</b> <i>Elective course</i>	15 points	<b>Stage II course</b> <i>Second major</i>	15 points	<b>Stage III course</b> <i>Second major</i>	15 points
<b>Stage I course</b> <i>Elective or module</i>	15 points	<b>Any stage</b> <i>Elective or module</i>	15 points	<b>Any stage</b> <i>Elective or module</i>	15 points
<b>Stage I course</b> <i>General Education course</i>	15 points	<b>Any stage</b> <i>Elective course</i>	15 points	<b>Any stage</b> <i>General Education course</i>	15 points

## The double major

By completing a double major you will develop in-depth knowledge in two subject areas and build a strong platform for future careers and postgraduate study.

You will need to choose your two majors before your second year of BA study. Take the opportunity to try out different subjects in your first year before you need to choose.

You can combine any two majors to suit your interests. You could also choose to take majors that complement each other or a combination of majors with a specific career interest in mind – see page 7 for some examples.

More than 600 Arts students are currently studying towards a double major in Criminology and Psychology, making it our most popular double major. Communication with Media, Film and Television is also popular combination with over 200 students. Some of our more unusual double major combinations include Korean with Philosophy, Drama with Theological and Religious Studies, and Art History with French.

## General Education

As part of your BA degree, you will take two General Education courses. These courses are usually outside of your main field of study. You will be exposed to new ideas, meet students and academic staff from other parts of the University, and acquire a broader range of skills and understanding to complement your specialist knowledge.

[www.auckland.ac.nz/general-education](http://www.auckland.ac.nz/general-education)

## How to plan your first year

In their first year, most students take eight courses: four in Semester One and four in Semester Two. You could plan your enrolment as follows.

- Choose three subjects available as BA majors.
- Take two courses in each of those three subjects.
- If you want to take a module, take one course in that module. Otherwise, choose one course from a fourth subject available as a BA major.
- As your eighth course, take one of your two required General Education courses.

- This would give you the flexibility to discover your interests and strengths before you need to choose your two majors by the end of the year. In your second and third years, you will concentrate on your two majors.

## How to choose subjects for your first year

- Choose three or four BA subjects to study from our list of majors on pages 8–11. (By the end of your first year, you will need to select two of these subjects to be your two majors.)
- Choose the subjects that interest and inspire you the most.
- You don't need to have studied these subjects at school, and you can combine any subjects you like.

For advice about choosing subjects to study, contact our Arts Students' Centre. [www.arts.auckland.ac.nz/asc](http://www.arts.auckland.ac.nz/asc)  
See our list of BA majors on page 8.



***“Do not come to university because someone has told you to do this degree or that. It may take a bit longer to figure out what you want to do, as I have experienced, but the value you get out of studying what you really care about has no price tag.*”**

*“When I first started at university, I was doing a Law and Commerce conjoint degree. However, I realised Law was not for me. As soon as I changed to Arts, I was more engaged because the subjects you can learn about are so vast. My major in Arts is Psychology, but I am also doing courses in Anthropology and Philosophy.*”

*“I have always been someone who’s had a natural curiosity for learning. My Arts subjects give me greater perspective and enable my thinking to be more open-minded and conscious of the world.*”

*“Once I have graduated, I want to become a clinical psychologist. I want to be able to help people deal with mental health issues. I know that this is a job I would genuinely care about and would make me happy, and that is all I want in a job.”*

## Kyle McQuinlan-Robb

Ngāti Tūwharetoa and Ngāti Porou

**Student:** Bachelor of Arts, majoring in Psychology/Bachelor of Commerce conjoint

# Bachelor of Communication (BC)\*

## Quick facts – BC

**Full-time:** 3 years (part-time study also available)

**Points per degree:** 360 (24 x 15-point courses)

**Taught at:** City Campus

**Application closing date:** 8 December 2021 or 4 July 2022 (Late applications will be considered if places are available.)

**Classes start:** 28 February 2022 or 18 July 2022

## Highlights

- Choose from three unique majors: Social Change, Technology and Leadership.
- Gain a solid grounding in Māori and Pacific communication principles and practices.
- Explore social media, ethics, advertising, digital communication, public speaking, writing and visual communication.
- Apply practical approaches within an academic framework with a research or industry project.
- Gain real-world experience through internship opportunities.
- Prepare for a career in communications, marketing, advertising, public relations, digital technologies, advocacy, media, and more.
- Learn from industry experts.

## Programme overview

Communication is more important than ever in today's world. The ways in which politicians, activists, entrepreneurs, creatives and leaders in how they use communication has a major influence on organisational, social and global change.

The Bachelor of Communication is designed to give you an advanced understanding of the significant role of communication in our world. You will develop skills and knowledge that can enable and empower you as a communications professional and a future leader.

## Majors

### Communication and Social Change

Explore the creation of public and political messages directed towards social change in a range of areas, including health, the environment and sustainability.

### Communication and Technology

Examine the connections between humans, society and machines via social media and other digital platforms, and study how machine-generated data impacts on communication.

### Communication in Leadership

Gain knowledge and practice in leadership roles across different organisational contexts that involve communication, entrepreneurship and strategic communication.

## What you'll be studying

### In your first year you will:

- Complete the first two courses of your chosen major
- Explore communication in the context of te ao Māori and Pacific cultures, ethical issues related to bicultural communication, and the significance of Te Tiriti o Waitangi for communication practitioners.
- Gain a comprehensive grounding in communication issues, research and theory, and ethics.
- Start to build a sense of whanaungatanga (kinship and connection) with your peers.

### In years two and three you will:

- Grow your knowledge in your chosen major
- Develop your cultural competencies and understanding of tikanga Māori and Pacific cultures, with an emphasis on the concept of whakawhānau and protocols surrounding engagement, consultation and partnership with Māori and Pacific communities.
- Pursue a final-year research or industry project
- Gain real-world experience through internship opportunities

You will supplement your major with core courses in Communication, courses in related subjects to enrich your studies, three courses in an additional focused area of study (a module), two elective courses and two General Education courses.

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Choose  
from 3  
unique majors:  
Leadership,  
Technology or  
Social Change

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***“I would love to go into public relations or brand management – and now I know I have the skills to succeed in this field.”***

*“Communication has become my real passion. I love learning more about news media, digital media, the relationship between advertising and audience, and political analysis. I also really enjoy the practical side of the degree, getting to create campaign strategies and various visual media projects.*

*“For my internship, I worked at New Zealand Media and Entertainment (NZME). My main task was to create a social media campaign strategy to launch an NZME careers profile on TikTok. This included conducting independent research into their brand, their platform for brand marketing, and the relationship between workplace and entertainment on a social media app. This translated into creating the social media strategy – finding the target audience, brainstorming creative content ideas, forming solid and achievable goals.*

*“My degree has taught me so much that is relevant and useful in the workplace, but particularly the ability to be creative and think outside the box. It’s also taught me to strive for excellence in everything I do, to work hard for what I want and believe that I can do whatever I put my mind to.”*

## **Tamara Vivian**

**Student: Bachelor of Arts, majoring in Communication and English**

## Programme structure

The BC takes three years to complete if you are studying full time and consists of 360 points (24 courses).

In your first year, you will take two courses (30 points) in your chosen major. You will also take four courses (60 points), in Communication. You'll take one course (15 points) in your chosen module, and one General Education course (15 points) in another subject.

In your second year, you will take three courses (45 points) in your chosen major. You will also take two courses (30 points) in Communication. You'll take one course (15 points) in your chosen module, one General Education course (15 points) in another subject, and one elective course (15 points) in another subject.

In your third year, you will take four courses (60 points) in your chosen major. You will also take two courses (30 points) in Communication. You'll take the final course (15 points) in your module, and one elective course (15 points) in another subject.

## Choose your career

In both the public and private sectors, communications professionals are in demand because they play a key role in helping their organisations to achieve their goals. You'll acquire and hone specialist skills in writing, public speaking and presentation, critical and creative thinking, project management, writing, research and cultural competency.

These skills are essential for roles in content production, digital media, marketing, digital technologies, advertising, public relations, digital communication, broadcast media, internal and corporate communication, and more. You could find yourself working anywhere from the creative industries to government agencies, in a start-up or as a freelancer.

## Sample programme structure

Below is an example of how to structure the Bachelor of Communication with a major in Communication and Social Change

YEAR ONE	120 points	YEAR TWO	120 points	YEAR THREE	120 points
COMMS 100 <b>Communication, Technology and Culture</b> Compulsory core course 15 points		COMMS 207 <b>Communication Research Methods</b> Compulsory core course 15 points		COMMS 313 <b>Principles and Practices of Social Communication</b> Compulsory major course 15 points	
COMMS 101 <b>Understanding Communication in Māori and Pacific Worlds</b> Compulsory core course 15 points		COMMS 210 <b>Practicing Communication in Māori and Pacific Worlds</b> Compulsory core course 15 points		COMMS 304 <b>Gender, Politics and the Media</b> Stage III course for major 15 points	
COMMS 102 <b>Communication and Social Change</b> Compulsory major course 15 points		COMMS 212 <b>Narratives of Social Change</b> Compulsory major course 15 points		COMMS 307 <b>Communication Internship</b> Stage III course for major 15 points	
PHIL 104 <b>Ethics and Justice</b> Compulsory core course 15 points		COMMS 204 <b>Social Media</b> Stage II course for major 15 points		COMMS 320 <b>Communication Project</b> Stage III course for major 15 points	
POLITICS 100 <b>Global Politics</b> Stage I course for major 15 points		SOCIOL 229 <b>Environmental Sociology</b> Stage II course for major 15 points		POLITICS 313 <b>Governing Planet Earth</b> Stage III course for major 15 points	
DRAMA 100 <b>Presentation and Performance Skills: Taking the Stage</b> Stage I course for major 15 points		<b>Stage II course</b> Elective course 15 points		SOCIOL 333 <b>Sociology of Health, Illness and Medicine</b> Stage III course for major 15 points	
<b>Stage I course</b> Module 15 points		<b>Stage II course</b> Module 15 points		<b>Stage III course</b> Module 15 points	
<b>Stage I course</b> General Education course 15 points		<b>Stage II course</b> General Education course 15 points		<b>Stage III course</b> Elective course 15 points	

*“New technologies  
are rapidly reshaping  
communication in  
the 21st century.”*

*Associate Professor Luke Goode  
Programme Director,  
Bachelor of Communication*



# Conjoint programmes

## Quick facts – conjoints

**Full-time:** 4-6 years depending on the programme (part-time study also available)

**Points per degree:** 255 (17 x 15-point courses) for the BA, 255 or more for the other degree

**Taught at:** City Campus

**Application closing date:** 8 December 2021 or 4 July 2022 (Late applications will be considered if places are available.)

**Classes start:** 28 February or 18 July 2022

## Highlights

- Pursue two degrees concurrently and graduate with two qualifications in a shorter time.
- Pursue your interests in two different fields, whether they are complementary or dissimilar. You could study English or History alongside a Law degree, or feed your love of languages alongside Engineering.
- Enrich your study and extend your knowledge by combining complementary areas. For example, you could combine a BA in Criminology with a Law degree or a Bachelor of Communication\* with a Bachelor of Commerce in Marketing.

Every year, around 2000 of our Arts students are pursuing a conjoint degree. Almost half of them are combining Arts with a Law degree, while Commerce and Science degrees are the next most popular conjoint combinations with Arts.

Extend your career opportunities by graduating with two degrees. Benefit from the creative thinking and communication skills you'll develop through BA study, which will enhance your ability to succeed in whatever professional area you choose.

## Programme structure

If you take the BA as part of a conjoint programme, you can choose to complete one major or two majors (a double major). The BA as a stand-alone degree requires a double major.

A conjoint often requires just one extra course each year, compared to a normal full-time load. Each degree needs fewer courses compared to a stand-alone degree, giving you a shorter timeframe to complete two degrees.

A bachelors degree usually involves eight courses per year. A conjoint degree normally requires nine courses per year. A 3-year bachelors degree consists of 24 courses (360 points). The number of points required to complete the conjoint programme depends on the particular combination. A BA/BSc conjoint, for example, consists of 36 courses (540 points). That's 17 courses (255 points) on each side of the conjoint plus one course from General Education and one elective course.

## How to plan your first year

First-year conjoint students usually take nine courses. We recommend taking four courses in Semester One and five in Semester Two. Four of these courses would usually be for the BA component of your programme, but this will depend on your other degree. You could plan your enrolment as follows.

- Choose two subjects available as BA majors.
- Take two courses in each of those two subjects.
- If you can, choose one course from a third subject available as a BA major.

This would give you the flexibility to discover your interests and strengths before you choose one or two majors to focus on in later years.

## How to choose subjects for your first year

Depending on the demands of your other degree, you will choose two or three BA subjects to study in your first year. These subjects should all be available as BA majors, because you will choose one of them as your BA major after your first year. (You can also choose to take two BA majors.) For conjoint degrees, your choice of first-year courses is particularly important as it could affect your ability to complete in four years.

For advice about choosing subjects to study, contact our Arts Students' Centre.

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## BA conjoint programmes

Commerce: BA/BCom

Communication: BA/BC\*

Design: BA/BDes

Engineering: BA/BE(Hons)

Fine Arts: BA/BFA or BA/BFA(Hons)

Global Studies: BA/BGlobalSt

Health Sciences: BA/BHSc

Law: BA/LLB or BA/LLB(Hons)

Music: BA/BMus

Science: BA/BSc or BA/BAdvSci(Hons)

*\*Subject to standard regulatory approval for 2022.*





*“To anyone considering study where you are undecided between two equally interesting options, I would recommend trying to follow a path which allows you to do both. It will expand your world and vastly increase the possibilities that lie ahead of you as you connect both areas of interest.”*

*“Japanese was my favourite subject in high school. My other interest in computers more naturally seemed to lead toward a preferred career path.”*

*“My study of Japanese, both at university and on exchange, enabled me to achieve the fluency I require for my current job where everything is in Japanese. It gave me the confidence to know that I could go out into the world, communicate with people, live independently, and achieve my goals.”*

*“I now work as a Cybersecurity Analyst in Tokyo, conducting vulnerability assessments of websites and of an ever-growing number of ‘connected’ devices. Customers come to us from an incredibly wide range of fields and each job is a new challenge that requires me to apply my problem-solving skills.”*

## **Jason Swanevelder**

**Graduate: Bachelor of Arts, majoring in Japanese/Bachelor of Science conjoint**

**Cybersecurity Analyst, Tokyo.**

**Jason was a recipient of a 360 International Exchange Award.**

# Diploma and Certificate in Languages (DipLang and CertLang)

## Quick facts – DipLang and CertLang

**Part-time:** The Diploma is equivalent to one year's full-time study; the Certificate is equivalent to one semester of full-time study.

**Points:** For the Diploma, 120 points (8 x 15-point courses); for the Certificate, 60 points (4 x 15-point courses)

**Taught at:** City Campus

**Application closing date:** 8 December 2021 or 4 July 2022 (Late applications will be considered if places are available.)

**Classes start:** 28 February or 18 July 2022

## Highlights

- If you want to study one or two languages, these programmes are an alternative to a BA major or module.
- Develop skills in speaking, reading, writing and understanding the spoken language.
- Take the Diploma or Certificate alongside study for any other programme and graduate with an additional qualification.
- You may be able to count one or two language courses you have taken as part of another programme towards a DipLang or CertLang.
- You can choose to enrol in the Diploma or Certificate without doing a degree and study at the University as a part-time student.

## Why study a language?

You will gain a distinctive skill that can be valuable for careers in business, trade and other sectors in today's globalised economy.

Learning another language is a satisfying way of getting to understand another culture and increasing your local and global awareness.

Studying te reo Māori or a Pacific language can be a way of affirming and sustaining your own identity and culture. Learning te reo Māori will connect you more meaningfully to the uniquely local life and culture of Aotearoa and enhance your engagement as a citizen or resident of this country. Learning a Pacific language will help you understand Pacific communities both here and overseas as well as connecting you to Aotearoa's wider setting in the Pacific.

You'll be learning in small, friendly classes with passionate teachers who use a mix of the most up-to-date teaching methods.

## Open up your career opportunities

In today's globalised world, many organisations value people with additional language skills and the deeper cultural understanding this knowledge brings.

You can also extend your opportunities for teaching in New Zealand primary and secondary schools. The DipLang in a single language will give you language skills appropriate for teaching that language in secondary schools up to Year 13. With the CertLang, your language skills would be sufficient to teach Years 7–10 in the school system. You would need to have a suitable language teaching qualification such as a Bachelor of Education (Teaching).

## Enrich your other studies and enhance your knowledge

Languages give context and increased understanding to many other subject areas.

Study of another language and culture could enrich your study of art history, literature, history, film, music, international relations, linguistics and international business.

Knowledge of another language can also be beneficial for postgraduate study and research.

## Languages you can study

Chinese

Cook Islands Māori

Egyptian (taught under Classical Studies and Ancient History)

French

German

Greek (Ancient – taught under Classical Studies and Ancient History)

Italian

Japanese

Korean

Latin

Te reo Māori

Russian

Samoa

Spanish

Tongan

Whether you are a complete beginner or already have some knowledge, you'll have many study options to choose from. Your level of competence will be assessed during enrolment to ensure you begin your study at the right level. Please note that not all language courses can be taken for the Diploma or Certificate, and courses may not always be taught in all languages in any given semester.

## Programme structure

Because language knowledge is built up in stages over time, you would normally take the Diploma or the Certificate part-time. The time you take to complete will depend on how you structure your enrolment. If you are already studying for a degree you would generally enrol in one language course per semester, in addition to your degree programme.

## Diploma in Languages

- Includes courses in one or two foreign languages.
- At least half your courses will be at more advanced levels, including at least two courses at Stage III.

*Find out more*

[auckland.ac.nz/diplang](http://auckland.ac.nz/diplang)  
[auckland.ac.nz/certlang](http://auckland.ac.nz/certlang)

### Sample programme structure

YEAR ONE		30 points		YEAR TWO		30 points	
<b>Stage I course</b>				<b>Stage II course</b>			
Language one	15 points			Language one	15 points		
<b>Stage I course</b>				<b>Stage I course</b>			
Language one	15 points			Language two	15 points		
YEAR THREE		30 points		YEAR FOUR		30 points	
<b>Stage II course</b>				<b>Stage III course</b>			
Language one	15 points			Language one	15 points		
<b>Stage I course</b>				<b>Stage III course</b>			
Language two	15 points			Language one	15 points		

### Certificate in Languages

- Includes courses in one or two foreign languages.
- Two of your four courses must be above Stage I level.

### Sample programme structure

YEAR ONE		30 points		YEAR TWO		30 points	
<b>Stage I course</b>				<b>Stage II course</b>			
Language course	15 points			Language course	15 points		
<b>Stage I course</b>				<b>Stage II course</b>			
Language course	15 points			Language course	15 points		



*“I was drawn to the possibility of exploring subjects outside of my majors. This flexibility has allowed me to experience study in Education, TESOL, Spanish and Computer Science.”*

*“Studying Linguistics has helped me understand the ways in which the languages I speak are interconnected. It has also allowed me to better comprehend the mechanisms through which language functions. English has provided me with analytical lenses which I am able to apply to various texts. It has also encouraged me to reflect on the role of literature in the contemporary world.”*

*“Once I have graduated, I would like to further my education in order to become a teacher of English to speakers of other languages. This is not solely due to my preference for teaching, but also my desire to explore and deconstruct the discourses surrounding this area of education.”*

*“The advice I’d like to pass on to future students is really simple: just take it one step at the time with your studies, work and even your social life while you’re at university.”*

## Ginevra Bellondi

Student: Bachelor of Arts, majoring in English and Linguistics

Ginevra is a recipient of the Sebastian Black Prize in English.

# Student life

Our student learning communities, resources and activities outside the classroom are designed to help you reach your potential, make meaningful connections and get the most out of your university experience.

## Arts+ mentoring programme

Arts+ gives every new student the opportunity to connect with a peer mentor who is a second or third-year BA student. Your Arts+ mentor will meet you on Orientation Day, and again during Week One tutorials to help you with your transition to University life.

Your mentor will also keep in touch through emails and additional meet-ups to ensure that you feel supported and to answer any questions you may have.

You have the opportunity to become an Arts+ mentor later in your degree. This is a way for you to give back to other students, learn new skills, experience leadership and make new friends.

[www.arts.auckland.ac.nz/arts-plus](http://www.arts.auckland.ac.nz/arts-plus)

## Tuākana Arts learning community

Tuākana Arts supports all Māori and Pacific students in a culturally familiar environment, with Tuākana mentors available in most courses.

The Tuākana programme offers small whānau group learning and wānanga based on the principles of Ako, Āhua, Tikanga and Whānau. Our Tuākana are senior Māori or Pacific students who will manaaki and mentor you throughout your degree.

Later in your degree you may be able to become a Tuākana mentor. Participating in the programme as a mentor is a way to make a powerful difference to other students as well as broaden your own skills and friendships.

[www.arts.auckland.ac.nz/tuakana](http://www.arts.auckland.ac.nz/tuakana)

## Your learning experience

We aim for inclusive and engaging teaching and learning. Our goal is a partnership between teachers and students (Ako) within a learning environment which reflects your experiences and values.

You'll be learning from inspiring staff who are passionate about their teaching and are active researchers in their field. During your classes you'll be encouraged to challenge, question and debate, enabling you to develop your ideas and express them clearly.

From small discussion groups to large lectures, you'll be challenged to expand your ways of thinking and communicating. Individual and group assessments including essays, presentations, practical assignments, reflective journals, online quizzes and peer review forums will help prepare you for life after University, both personally and professionally.

## Join a club

Find your tribe, enjoy social opportunities and have fun through our enthusiastic student clubs and societies. Their activities and events will help you make friends and build networks. With over 200 clubs and societies at the University you'll be sure to find your community.

[www.auckland.ac.nz/clubs](http://www.auckland.ac.nz/clubs)

## Arts Alligators

Arts Alligators is the Faculty of Arts sports club. Join the club and compete in interfaculty sport tournaments in badminton, basketball, indoor soccer, indoor netball, futsal, ultimate Frisbee, rugby, cricket, hockey, volleyball and more.

## Arts Students' Organisation

ASO's vision is to build a vibrant culture for Arts students through educational, social and sporting events. You can participate in academic events such as an essay writing workshop and competition, a poetry slam and an end of year cocktail event, which recognises some of the high achievers in Arts.

[www.artsstudentsorganisation.com](http://www.artsstudentsorganisation.com)

## Hidden Perspectives

Hidden Perspectives provides a platform for LGBTQITakatāpui+ student voices across the Faculty of Arts. We are committed to sustaining a social and academic community of LGBTQITakatāpui+ students within Arts, where everyone can meet, share ideas and work towards making the Arts a little bit queerer.

[www.arts.auckland.ac.nz/hidden-perspectives](http://www.arts.auckland.ac.nz/hidden-perspectives)

## Interesting Journal

*Interesting Journal* is a student-started and led periodical that publishes the work of Faculty of Arts undergraduates. We want to inspire you to take your academic passion beyond the classroom, producing thought-provoking work that benefits the community.

[www.interestingjournal.com](http://www.interestingjournal.com)

## Ngā Taurira Māori (NTM)

NTM is the University Māori Students' Association. We offer support and provide services to Māori students through educational, cultural, social and political events that foster Te Ao Māori within the University. You can find us in our common room, Hineahuone, located on the top floor of the Student Union Building in the University Quad.

## Health and wellbeing

We understand that juggling university life can sometimes be a bit stressful, and we are here to help. University Health and Counselling Service (UHCS) provides a free and confidential counselling service to help students with a wide range of issues. Our team consists of highly skilled and experienced registered counsellors and clinical psychologists who are specially trained in dealing with student issues. UHCS also offers primary health services including medical, nursing and counselling services at the City, Grafton and Epsom campuses.

[www.auckland.ac.nz/healthandcounselling](http://www.auckland.ac.nz/healthandcounselling)





# Apply and enrol

## First you need to apply

- Go online and complete the Application for Admission. If you haven't already, you'll be asked to sign up for a new account. It's easy, and you'll soon be underway in making your application.  
[www.auckland.ac.nz/apply](http://www.auckland.ac.nz/apply)
- Next you will receive an acknowledgement email asking you to provide supporting documents (and in some cases to complete other requirements\*) so that your application can be assessed.
- If your application is successful, we'll email you an offer – normally from mid-January.\*\* You'll then need to accept or decline your offer.

Late applications will be accepted and considered after 2021 school results are received if places are still available. However, we advise you to apply for all the programmes that you might wish to pursue before the published closing date. All applications will be considered when 2021 academic results are available.

The application closing date for the Bachelor of Arts is 8 December 2021.

[www.auckland.ac.nz/apply](http://www.auckland.ac.nz/apply)

## Next you need to enrol

- To enrol in courses go to Student Services Online. Once you've signed in you can view your programme requirements.  
[www.studentservices.auckland.ac.nz](http://www.studentservices.auckland.ac.nz)
- For tutorials and information on enrolment:  
[www.auckland.ac.nz/enrolment](http://www.auckland.ac.nz/enrolment)
- To find out more about subjects, courses and planning your first year:  
[www.arts.auckland.ac.nz/ba](http://www.arts.auckland.ac.nz/ba)

## Fees and loans

Many students are eligible for student loans, and you may be able to gain further financial assistance through a number of grants or allowances.

Go online for details about paying fees.

[www.auckland.ac.nz/fees](http://www.auckland.ac.nz/fees)

## Fees free tuition

If you are starting tertiary study for the first time, you may be eligible for fees-free study.

[www.feesfree.govt.nz](http://www.feesfree.govt.nz)

*\*For some programmes, you will be required to submit supplementary information (eg, a portfolio of work, referee reports, an online form) or attend an interview/audition.*

*\*\*If you are not offered a place in the programme(s) of your choice, you will receive an email outlining alternative options. Your final offer of a place depends on two things: your admission to the University (which for school-leavers may depend on your final school results) and your assessment by the relevant faculty.*

*“Studying History has expanded my worldview and allowed me to make better sense of the world we live in, while deepening my understanding and appreciation of the past. I want to become someone who inspires, motivates and empowers students to embrace learning.”*

## Ashley Rutter

Whakatōhea and Ngāti Kuri

Graduate: Bachelor of Arts, majoring in History and Māori Studies

Kaiako awhina / Teaching assistant, Te Kohanga Reo o Ngā Tikanga Pono

Ashley was the recipient of a University of Auckland Māori Academic Excellence Scholarship



# Fund your study with a scholarship

Every year the University of Auckland gives out scholarships and prizes worth over \$50 million to thousands of students just like you.

Scholarships are payments to help with university education and you don't always need high grades to get one.

Categories for school-leavers include academic excellence, Māori and Pacific students and anyone who has the ability to succeed but is experiencing financial hardship. Some scholarships also help with things like accommodation.

Visit the scholarships website for application forms, updated closing dates and new scholarship opportunities, and be sure to check individual scholarship regulations for how to apply.

[www.auckland.ac.nz/scholarships](http://www.auckland.ac.nz/scholarships)

Find out more about major Arts scholarships online.

[www.arts.auckland.ac.nz/scholarships](http://www.arts.auckland.ac.nz/scholarships)

## Major University of Auckland and Arts scholarships and awards

2022 Scholarships	Criteria	Amount	Opens	Closes
<b>Alison Hanham Undergraduate Scholarship in Arts</b>	You really want to do a BA or BA conjoint, probably in Humanities subjects (e.g. History, Art History) but you're up against some financial challenges.	\$5,000	20 September	1 November
<b>Clark Undergraduate Scholarship</b>	You'd love to study for a Bachelor of Arts but you're facing financial hardship.	\$22,000	20 September	1 November
<b>David and Dian Ross Undergraduate Scholarship</b>	You have the potential and drive to achieve, but you're experiencing financial challenges that could prevent you from doing a degree.	\$10,000	17 June	29 July
<b>Ellen Castle Undergraduate Scholarship in the Schools of Humanities and Social Sciences</b>	You're a Year 13 student at a decile 1– 4 school and are thinking about pursuing majors in the Humanities or Social Sciences.	\$5,000	19 December	31 January
<b>Faculty of Arts Auckland Schools Scholarship</b>	You know you've got huge potential to succeed, you want to do a BA or a BA conjoint degree and you're from a decile 1–4 school in Auckland. <i>Note: If you apply for a school-leaver scholarship you will automatically be considered for this scholarship as well.</i>	\$5,000	4 December	15 January
<b>Faculty of Arts Entry Level Undergraduate Scholarship</b>	You want to study for a BA, BGlobalSt or conjoint degree and you've applied for a University of Auckland School Leaver / First Year Scholarship. Your application will automatically get you considered for this scholarship.	\$5,000	Application on entry	
<b>Faculty of Arts Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei Scholarship</b>	You're a beneficiary of Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei and are passionate about studying for a BA or BA conjoint degree.	\$5,000	17 June	29 July
<b>University of Auckland Academic Potential Scholarship – School Leavers</b>	You're really driven but you've also had some setbacks – either financial or personal. We don't want those to stop you from reaching your potential.	\$6,000 to \$20,000	1 July	2 September
<b>University of Auckland Māori Academic Excellence Scholarship</b>	You have Māori heritage, are getting excellent grades and have awesome sporting, artistic, cultural and/or leadership potential.	\$20,000 including first-year guaranteed accommodation	1 July	2 September
<b>University of Auckland Pacific Academic Excellence Scholarship</b>	You have Pacific heritage, are getting excellent grades and have awesome sporting, artistic, cultural and/or leadership potential.	\$20,000 including first-year guaranteed accommodation	1 July	2 September
<b>University of Auckland Scholarship for Students from Refugee Backgrounds</b>	You're a student from a refugee background who is experiencing financial or other challenges and you've got drive and determination to achieve.	\$5,000	20 September	1 November

***“I decided to study for a Bachelor of Arts to get the skills, experience and knowledge necessary to kick start my career.*”**

*“In an increasingly globalised society, I thought it was imperative to understand what makes different cultures and countries tick. The courses in Communication have been great in allowing me to gain an in-depth perspective of the changing field of communication from the past, to what communicators can expect in the future.*”

*“Studying Politics and International Relations allowed me to find out about the real world of politics and illustrated the wide range of jobs that support politicians in their work.*”

*“The BA has also taught me to think critically. This is relevant in a diverse workforce where you’re exposed to a plurality of voices, opinions and sources. During my internship at Neighbourly, I had to analyse, synthesise and draw conclusions from various pieces of data and other information. The skills I’ve practiced have really allowed me to maximise my productivity and the quality of my work.”*

## **Thomas Campbell**

**Student: Bachelor of Arts, majoring in Communication and Politics and International Relations**



# Entry requirements

## General admission

For the Bachelor of Arts (BA), you need to meet the entry requirements and New Zealand University Entrance (UE) standard.

If you're a New Zealand or Australian citizen or permanent resident, you are guaranteed undergraduate entry into the BA in 2022 if you achieve the following rank scores:

- NCEA Level 3, 150
- Cambridge International, 150
- IB, 26

Applicants with scores below these will still be considered, provided places are available.

[www.auckland.ac.nz/entry-requirements](http://www.auckland.ac.nz/entry-requirements)

### We also welcome applications from:

- School-leavers who have studied at an overseas secondary school.
- School-leavers from Year 12 who meet the conditions for Discretionary Entrance.
- Home-school students who have achieved the New Zealand University Entrance standard.
- Applicants with relevant work experience who are at least 20 years old on or before the first day of the semester.

## Academic English Language Requirement (AELR)

The University has introduced the AELR into all its undergraduate programmes to ensure you have a sufficient level of competence in academic English to support your study at university. The AELR will not affect whether you are offered a place on a programme, and may be met through your entry qualification or the satisfactory completion of an approved course in your first year of study. Applicants who have not met the AELR through their entrance qualification will be provided with advice at the time of enrolment.

[www.auckland.ac.nz/aelr](http://www.auckland.ac.nz/aelr)

## Recognition of prior study

We welcome applications from students who have started or completed tertiary study in New Zealand or overseas and wish to transfer to a University of Auckland BA. You must meet admission, programme and undergraduate English language requirements. If you have overseas qualifications, these must be approved for university admission.

As part of your Application for Admission, you can apply for a transfer of credit for tertiary courses completed elsewhere. Domestic applicants will be required to pay a non-refundable application fee.

Depending on how much credit you have been awarded, you may gain a University of Auckland Bachelor of Arts after completing the equivalent of one year's full-time study (120 points).

[www.auckland.ac.nz/priortertiarystudy](http://www.auckland.ac.nz/priortertiarystudy)

Explore your options online if you've studied at secondary level overseas.

[www.auckland.ac.nz/prioroverseasschoolstudy](http://www.auckland.ac.nz/prioroverseasschoolstudy)

## Targeted Admission Scheme (TAS)

TAS is a great opportunity for students who have gained UE but haven't met the guaranteed entry requirements to be considered for admission to the Bachelor of Arts. Māori and Pacific applicants, as well as applicants with disabilities, and applicants from low socio-economic or refugee backgrounds will all be considered for this scheme. The scheme is not open to international applicants.

[www.arts.auckland.ac.nz/tas](http://www.arts.auckland.ac.nz/tas)

## Conditional Admission Scheme (CAS)

The Faculty of Arts also offers a Conditional Admission Scheme. Applicants who are not eligible for TAS, who have achieved UE, but haven't met the guaranteed entry requirements will be considered for this scheme. The scheme is not open to international applicants.

[www.arts.auckland.ac.nz/conditional-admission](http://www.arts.auckland.ac.nz/conditional-admission)

## Tertiary Foundation Certificate (TFC)

Gain the confidence and skills to enter the University of Auckland and succeed with degree study. The Tertiary Foundation Certificate is a fulltime, one-year study programme. You will select a combination of courses suitable as preparation for an Arts degree. Depending on the grades you achieve in your TFC year, you can then move into a BA. (Moving from the TFC pathway into the degree is not automatic. It requires an application and depends on your grades.)

[www.tfc.ac.nz](http://www.tfc.ac.nz)

## New Start – University preparation courses

New Start is a realistic introduction to first-year study. It will help you develop the confidence and skills for studying at university. You must be 20 years or over, be a New Zealand citizen or permanent resident and have a good command of English.

This part-time programme gives you a pathway into a range of undergraduate study options at the University of Auckland. NSGEN 47 New Start General is the course that will prepare you for a BA. You can choose from various campus locations for your New Start courses depending on the semester.

New Start students are not eligible for StudyLink funding. If you're experiencing financial hardship, please apply for a New Start award.

[www.auckland.ac.nz/newstart](http://www.auckland.ac.nz/newstart)

## UniBound – academic enrichment programme

If you are a Māori or Pacific school-leaver and would like support for your future success at the University, UniBound Summer is for you. This free five-week academic enrichment programme is designed to introduce you to the University and its facilities and help you to succeed.

Registrations are open for all Māori and Pacific school-leavers who have shown interest in, or already applied for, a University of Auckland programme. If you have not yet formally applied you will receive guidance and help to do so.

[www.unibound.ac.nz](http://www.unibound.ac.nz)

# Additional information

## Need help and advice?

Visit or get in contact with us at the Arts Students' Centre:

Mona Building 216  
Room G02

16 Symonds St

Open: Monday to Friday 9am–4.30pm  
(except public holidays)

Email: [asc@auckland.ac.nz](mailto:asc@auckland.ac.nz)

Phone: 0800 61 62 63

+64 9 373 7513 (overseas)

[www.arts.auckland.ac.nz/asc](http://www.arts.auckland.ac.nz/asc)

Find answers to your questions at

[www.askauckland.ac.nz](http://www.askauckland.ac.nz)

Find more information about studying in the Faculty of Arts at

[www.arts.auckland.ac.nz/futureundergraduates](http://www.arts.auckland.ac.nz/futureundergraduates)

## Useful terms

**Conjoint:** An approved combination of two degrees

**Course:** A specific topic within a subject (Courses are the basic units from which a programme is built. Each course is assigned a points value that counts towards your programme and has its own code and title, eg. HISTORY 103 Global History.)

**Double major:** Two majors.

**General Education:** A component of undergraduate degrees at the University of Auckland (It is designed to give you an appreciation and understanding of fields outside your main area of study.)

**Major:** The subject that is the main focus of your BA and is studied to the most advanced undergraduate level

**Module:** A grouping of three courses on a particular theme

**Programme:** A University of Auckland degree, diploma or certificate

**Stage:** The level of a course: Stage I (beginning at University), Stage II (intermediate) or Stage III (advanced undergraduate level)

**Subject:** An area of knowledge you study as part of your programme, e.g. History

## Useful web addresses

**Te Kura Tangata  
Faculty of Arts**

[www.arts.auckland.ac.nz](http://www.arts.auckland.ac.nz)

**Te Whare Wānanga o Tāmaki  
Makaurau**

**The University of Auckland**

[www.auckland.ac.nz](http://www.auckland.ac.nz)

**Bachelor of Arts**

[www.auckland.ac.nz/ba](http://www.auckland.ac.nz/ba)

**Bachelor of Communication**

[www.auckland.ac.nz/bc](http://www.auckland.ac.nz/bc)

**Bachelor of Global Studies**

[www.auckland.ac.nz/global-studies](http://www.auckland.ac.nz/global-studies)

**Information for international students**

[www.international.auckland.ac.nz](http://www.international.auckland.ac.nz)

**Fees and finances**

[www.auckland.ac.nz/fees](http://www.auckland.ac.nz/fees)

[www.auckland.ac.nz/studentloansandallowances](http://www.auckland.ac.nz/studentloansandallowances)

**Scholarships**

[www.auckland.ac.nz/scholarships](http://www.auckland.ac.nz/scholarships)

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[www.auckland.ac.nz/accommodation](http://www.auckland.ac.nz/accommodation)

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[www.auckland.ac.nz/admission](http://www.auckland.ac.nz/admission)

**How to apply**

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**How to enrol in courses**

[www.auckland.ac.nz/enrolment](http://www.auckland.ac.nz/enrolment)

**The University student blog**

[www.auckland.ac.nz/theinsideword](http://www.auckland.ac.nz/theinsideword)

**Frequently asked questions**

[www.auckland.ac.nz/askauckland](http://www.auckland.ac.nz/askauckland)

**Arts graduate careers**

[www.arts.auckland.ac.nz/graduates](http://www.arts.auckland.ac.nz/graduates)

**Key dates**

[www.auckland.ac.nz/dates](http://www.auckland.ac.nz/dates)

**Calendar of the University of Auckland**

[www.calendar.auckland.ac.nz](http://www.calendar.auckland.ac.nz)

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The University of Auckland undertakes to collect, store, use and disclose your information in accordance with the provisions of the Privacy Act 1993. Further details of how the University handles your information are set out in a brochure available by phoning 0800 61 62 63.

## Disclaimer

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[www.openday.ac.nz](http://www.openday.ac.nz)



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