

Information session for inbound exchange students

Student Exchange Programme

OTAGOGLOBAL



University
of Otago

ŌTĀKOU WHAKAIHU WAKA



Kia ora!



Exchange Adviser

International Office



Agenda

1. New Zealand & Dunedin
2. Why the University of Otago
3. Study options at Otago
4. Life in the classroom
5. Accommodation
6. Q&A



University
of Otago

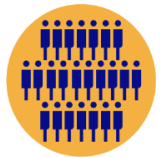
ŌTĀKOU WHAKAIHU WAKA

NEW ZEALAND'S FIRST UNIVERSITY



New Zealand & Dunedin

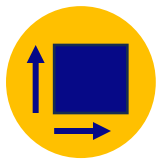
Aotearoa / New Zealand



5 million people



3 official Languages
– English, Te Reo Māori & NZ Sign Language



Land size: 268,021 km²





**Māori principles of Manaakitanga:
hospitality, kindness, generosity, support**

Dunedin, New Zealand



DUNEDIN

Travelling to Dunedin

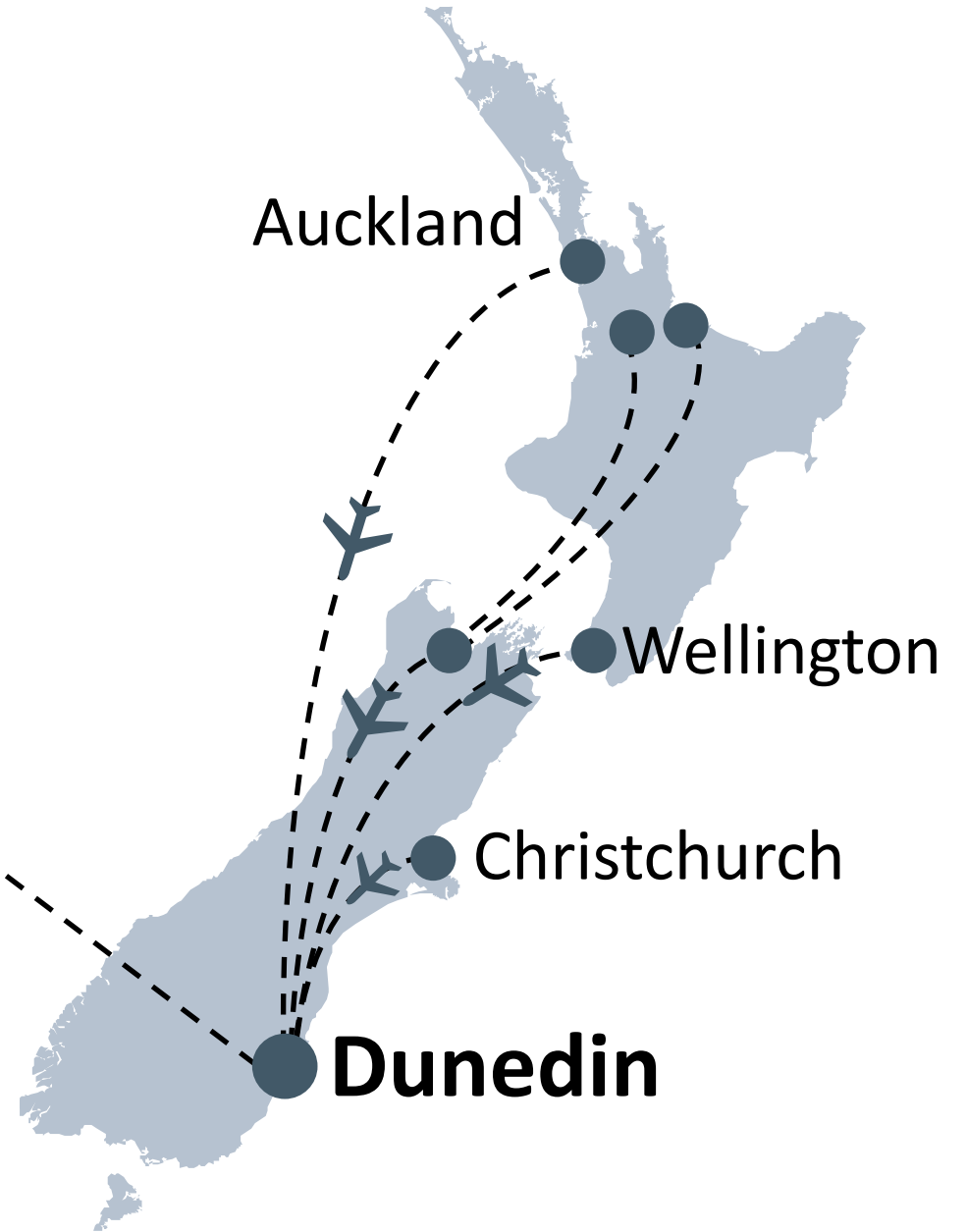
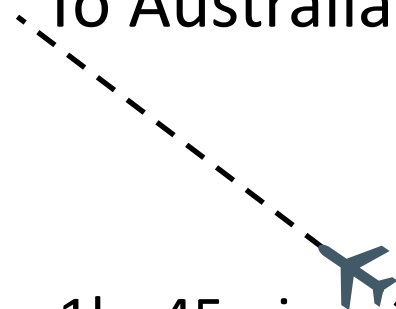


Auckland	1hr 45min
Wellington	1hr 10min
Christchurch	55min



Queenstown	4 hours
Wanaka	3.5 hours
Milford Sound	5 hours

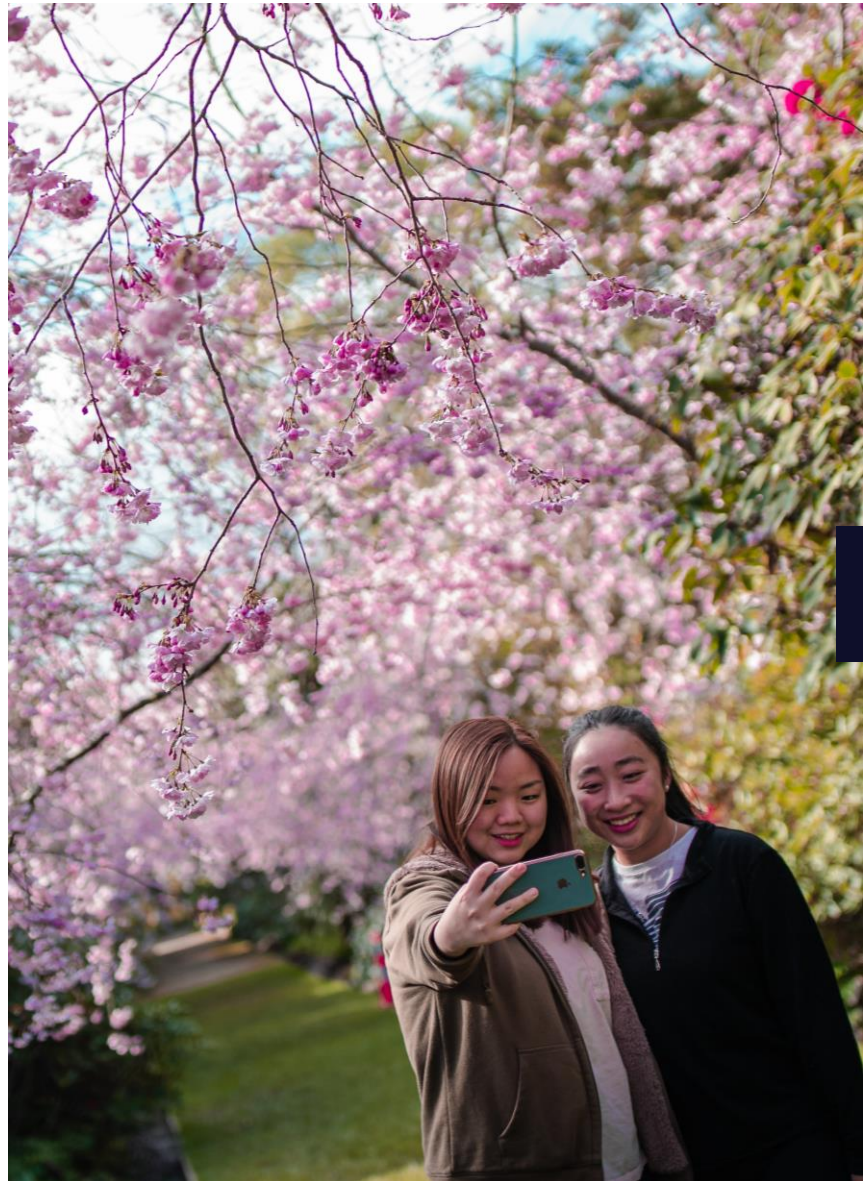
To Australia



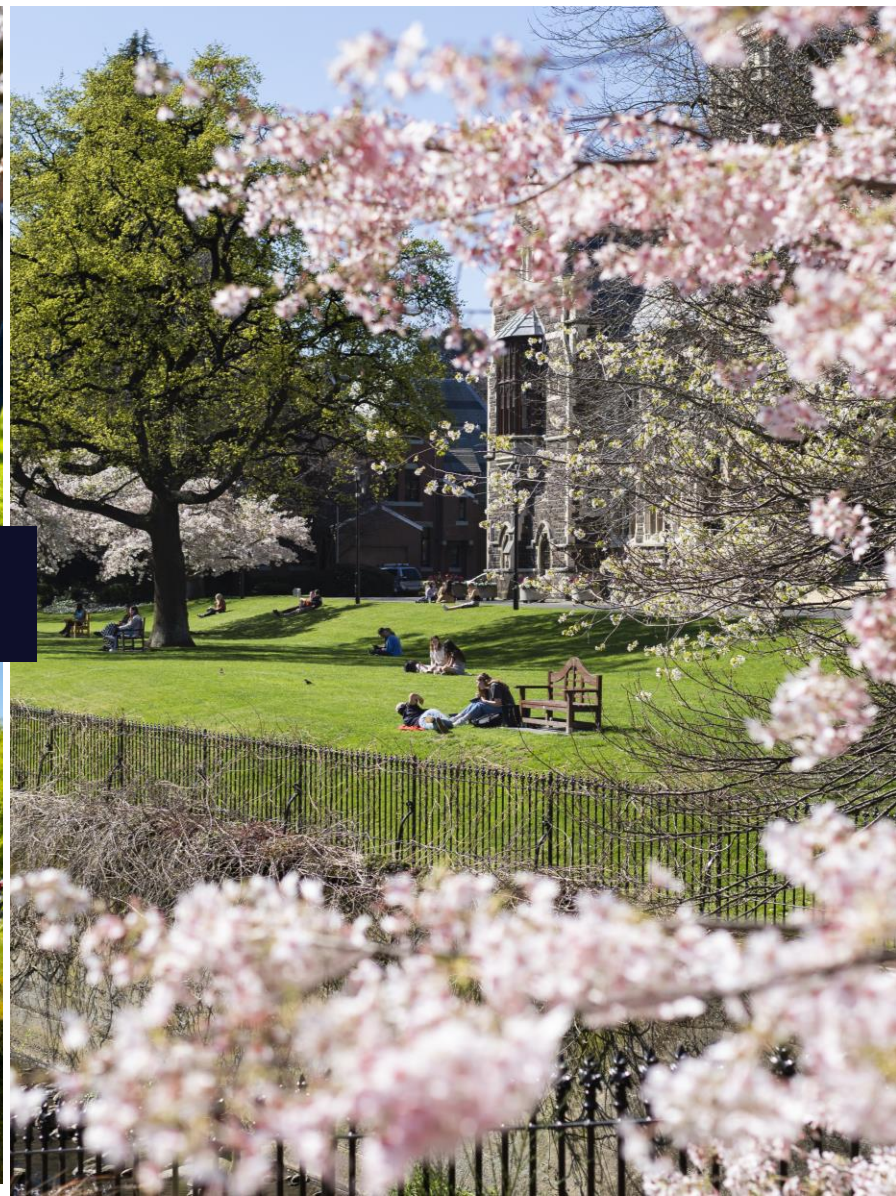
Dunedin

- ❖ **Population** - 130,700 and 25,000 of those are students.
- ❖ **Youngest population in NZ**- 45% of residents under 30.
- ❖ **Highly educated** - Dunedin has New Zealand's highest concentration of postgraduate qualifications - over 36% of people here have higher learning.
- ❖ **Quality of Life**- 88% of people here rate their quality of life as good or extremely good.
- ❖ **Nature, Culture, Sport, Fashion & Food Scene**





Dunedin in Spring



Dunedin in Summer





Dunedin in Autumn





Dunedin in Winter



Explore Ōtepoti Dunedin

NO OTHER CITY in the country offers the same opportunities to get out and explore. Dunedin is surrounded by fantastic beaches, hills and harbour waters that offer opportunities for a range of activities, from surfing and kayaking to mountain biking and paddleboarding, most within a 10 minute commute.



St Clair Esplanade
10 minutes' drive.
Great surf spot with cafes and restaurants.



Tunnel Beach
20 minutes' drive.
Spectacular rocky coastline with cliffs, rock arches and caves.



Otago Harbour
5 minutes' drive.
Enjoy stunning views, nature cruises and a range of water sports, e.g. kayaking, rowing and windsurfing.

Dunedin Airport
30 minutes' drive



Otago Peninsula
A wonderland of wildlife and scenery.
At its end, Taramoa Head (1 hour's drive) has the only mainland breeding colony of northern royal albatross in the world.



Chinese Garden



George Street
Dunedin's main thoroughfare, with shops, cafes and restaurants.



Dunedin Botanic Garden



The Octagon
15 minutes' walk.
City centre with cafes, bars, restaurants, shopping and entertainment.

Flagstaff



University of Otago



Forsyth Barr Stadium
5 minutes' walk.
New Zealand's only covered sports arena.



Art Galleries

Farmers Market

Museums

Harbour cycleway



Port Chalmers, Aramoana, Orokouhi Ecosanctuary



Gateway to adventure

Iconic NZ scenery





From skiing...



...to kayaking



Great Walks of NZ

Mountain hiking



A person is captured mid-air during a bungee jump, suspended by a thick white cord. The jumper is wearing a light-colored t-shirt, dark pants, and yellow shoes, with their arms raised in a 'V' shape. Below them, a town with numerous houses is visible, situated on a hillside overlooking a large, deep blue lake. In the distance, a range of rugged mountains with some snow-capped peaks stretches across the horizon under a clear, bright blue sky. The overall scene is one of a high-adventure activity in a scenic, mountainous region.

Bungee jumping



only 3–4-hour drive
to a variety of
recreational activities

Why Otago?



University of Otago



New Zealand's first university. Established in 1869



New Zealand's top university for education performance (TEC)



Ranked in the top 1% of universities worldwide



21,000 students, with ~2,500 international students from +90 countries.



195+ undergraduate and postgraduate subjects, with flexible study options



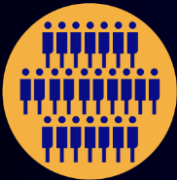
Five star plus international quality rating (QS Stars)



Student Life



NZ's only true residential university city!
86% of our students have moved to Dunedin for their studies – from across NZ and the world



140+ Student led clubs and societies



Extremely high student satisfaction
98% with administration & support; **98%** with campus safety; **99%** with libraries; **98%** with residential colleges; **97%** with sport and recreation facilities



Outstanding academic and pastoral care plus friendly Campus Watch team ensures a safe, supportive, secure campus environment



5th most beautiful campus in the world

(Times Higher Education The Student Voice 2022)



A photograph of a Gothic-style building, likely a university hall, with a prominent clock tower. The building is constructed of dark stone with intricate carvings and a series of pointed arch windows. The clock tower is the central focus, featuring a large clock face and a spire. The scene is framed by vibrant autumn leaves in shades of orange, red, and yellow, which are slightly out of focus in the foreground. The sky is a clear, bright blue. A dark blue banner with yellow text is overlaid at the bottom of the image.

Exchange Options at Otago

Health Sciences



Sciences



Business





Humanities & Social Sciences



Environment, Sustainability, Climate Change

SEMESTER 1 (Feb – June)

ENVI111

Environment and Society

ECON207

Environmental Economics

MANT337

Organisations and Sustainability

ENVI311

Understanding Environmental Issues

SEMESTER 2 (Jul – Nov)

ENVI211

Environmental History of New Zealand (*NZ focused*)

ENVI312

Interdisciplinary Aspects of Climate Change

TOUR422

Tourism and Global Environmental Change



Marine Science, Animals and Life Sciences

SEMESTER 1 (Feb – Jun)

MARI301

Marine Ecology and Ecosystems *(Field work)*

MARI302

Biology and Behaviour of Marine Vertebrates *(Field work)*

ECOL111

Ecology and Conservation of Diversity *(Field work & NZ focused)*

ECOL211

Ecology of Communities and Ecosystems *(Field work)*

ECOL313

Ecology Field Course *(Field work)*

ZOOL221

Animal Designs for Living *(Field work)*

SEMESTER 2 (Jul – Nov)

MARI112

Marine Biology: The Living Ocean *(Field work)*

MARI202

Ecology and Biology of Marine Invertebrates *(Field work & NZ focused)*

BTNY202

Plant and Fungal Diversity *(Field work)*

ECOL212

Ecological Applications *(Field work)*

ZOOL318

Freshwater Ecology *(Field work)*

BIOA101

Introduction to Biological Anthropology



Business, Tourism, Marketing, Management

SEMESTER 1 (Feb – Jun)

TOUR101

Introduction to Tourism *(NZ focused)*

MART207

Sports Marketing *(NZ focused)*

BSNS114

Financial Decision Making

GEOG216

Environmental Management: Principles and Values

BSNS111

Business and Society *(NZ focused)*

ECON303

Economics of Developing Countries

SEMESTER 2 (Jul – Nov)

TOUR101

Introduction to Tourism *(NZ focused)*

FOSC112

Introduction to Food Marketing

BSNS114

Financial Decision Making

MANT101

Managing for Performance

BSNS111

Business and Society *(NZ focused)*

TOUR301

Cultural and Heritage Tourism *(Fieldwork)*



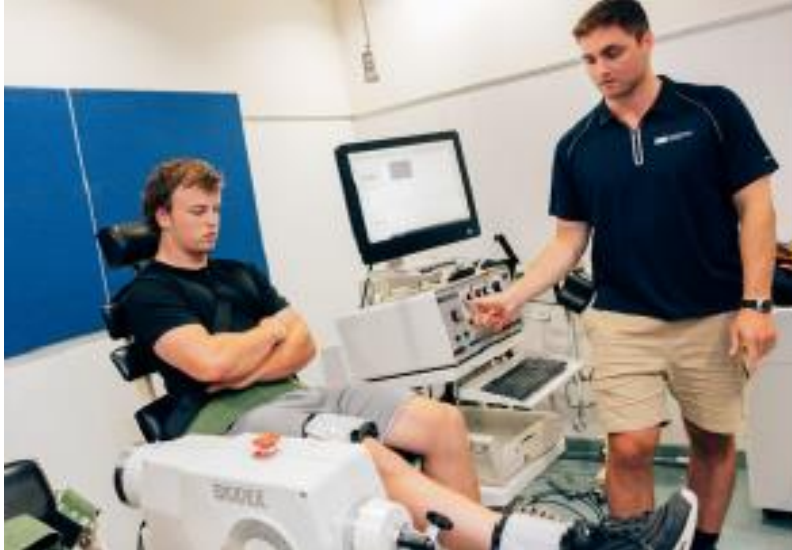
Māori, Pacific and Indigenous Studies

SEMESTER 1 (Feb – Jun)

MAOR102	Māori Society <i>(NZ focused)</i>
MAOR110	Introduction to Conversational Māori <i>(NZ focused)</i>
MAOR108	Waiata: Te Timatanga (Māori performing art) <i>(NZ focused)</i>
ANTH204	Pacific and New Zealand Archaeology <i>(NZ focused)</i>
INDS301	Māori and Indigenous Development: Governance and Ethics

SEMESTER 2 (Jul – Nov)

MAOR102	Māori Society <i>(NZ focused)</i>
MAOR110	Introduction to Conversational Māori <i>(NZ focused)</i>
PACI101	Pacific Societies
INDS210	Special Topic: Exploring Indigenous Studies



Sport, Exercise and Wellbeing

SEMESTER 1 (Feb – Jun)

ANAT101	Anatomy for Sport Exercise
SPEX101	Sport, Science and Society
SPEX209	Sport Development and Management
SPEX203	Exercise Physiology

SEMESTER 2 (Jul – Nov)

PACH201	Pacific Health: New Zealand and the Pacific Region <i>(NZ focused)</i>
SPEX102	Principles of Exercise for Health and Performance
SPEX204	Psychology of Sport and Exercise
SPEX206	Te Pū o te Ora: Māori Physical Education and Health <i>(NZ focused)</i>



Law, Psychology, Sociology

SEMESTER 1 (Feb – Jun)

SOCI101	Sociology of New Zealand Society <i>(NZ focused)</i>
GEND101	Gender in Everyday Life
PSYC111	Brain and Behaviour
LAWS440	Environmental Law
PSYC204	Justice, Race and Class
SOCI211	Colonisation, Globalisation and Social Justice

SEMESTER 2 (Jul – Nov)

SOCI213	Concepts of the Self
SOCI103	Crime, Deviance and Social Transformation
PSYC112	Human Thought and Behaviour
LAWS421	International Environmental Law
SOCI302	Theories of Social Power



Media, Literature, Communications, Performing Arts

SEMESTER 1 (Feb – Jun)

MUSI103	Popular Music
MFCO212	Media and Interculture Communication
ENGL120	Creative Writing: How to Captivate and Persuade
THEA151	Improvisation
DANC101	Dance and Popular Culture
ENGL121	English Literature: The Remix

SEMESTER 2 (Jul – Nov)

MUSI132	Music Production 1
MFCO102	Media, Power, Society
THEA122	Drama on Stage and Screen
MFCO223	Documentary and Reality Media
MFCO213	Media Genres
MFCO216	New Zealand Cinema <i>(NZ focused)</i>



Physical Sciences

SEMESTER 1 (Feb – Jun)

- EAOS111 Earth and Ocean Science
(Fieldwork)
- GEOL252 Field Studies and NZ Geology
(Fieldwork – non-standard dates)
- GEOG101 Physical Geography
(Fieldwork)
- SURV120 Surveying and Spatial Science
(Fieldwork)
- PHS131 Fundamentals of Physics I

SEMESTER 2 (Jul – Nov)

- GEOL112 Dynamic Earth: A New Zealand Perspective
(NZ Focused + Fieldwork)
- GEOL273 Modern and Ancient Sedimentary Systems
(Fieldwork)
- GEOG102 Geographies of Sustainable Futures
- CHEM111 Chemistry: Molecular Architecture
- SURV130 People, Place and the Built Environment



Health and Biomedical Sciences

SEMESTER 1 (Feb – Jun)

BIOC221	Molecular Biology
BITC201	Bioethics and the Life Sciences
FORS201	Analytical and Forensic Science
PHSL231	Neurophysiology
PUBH211	Epidemiology of Global Health Conditions
HUNT141	Understanding Human Nutrition

SEMESTER 2 (Jul – Nov)

GENE222	Genes, Chromosomes and Populations
BIOA101	Introduction to Biological Anthropology
MICR223	Infection and Immunity
PATH201	Foundations in Human Pathology
PHAL211	Drug Discovery and Development
POPH192	Population Health

A photograph of three young adults in a classroom or study setting. Two women are seated on the left, smiling warmly. The woman on the far left has long, wavy brown hair and is wearing a grey and white striped long-sleeved shirt. The woman in the middle has long, straight brown hair and is wearing a blue top with white polka dots. A man with short dark hair, wearing a white long-sleeved shirt, is seated on the right, looking towards the women. In the foreground, an open book with white pages is visible. The background shows a window with blinds and some papers pinned to a wall.

Life in the classroom



Lectures: give you the core information for each paper and are the main method of instruction at the University. They are usually a 50-minute oral teaching session.





Tutorials: Small group sessions led by a tutor for discussion and individual assistance. Some are compulsory and some will be optional.



Hands On Experience / Unique Fieldwork Opportunities

- Field Botany
- Polaris – Research Vessel
- Ecosanctuary conservation
- Surveying instrument work in field
- Archeology site visits
- Marae visits and Maori performing art excursions



Laboratory sessions (Labs):

Experimental or practical work. This may be compulsory and attendance may contribute towards your final grade.



Handy to know!

- **3 papers per semester** considered full-time
- **Most papers at Otago are uncapped** (no limit on number of students)
- **Most 100-level (first year) papers are open** (no prerequisites), but other papers do have entry requirements
- **It is still possible to change your paper selection later** (e.g. on campus or the start of semester)
- Check with your home institute for any prescribed course requirements or workload requirement you need to take at Otago
- Important to work out your papers early on and work with your advisor at home institute to ensure these will credit back to your degree
- Some of your courses may require a 'Special Permission' review at Otago – this is totally fine, but may take a little longer



Accommodation



UNIVERSITY FLATS (UniFlats):

Student housing - unique to Otago





Uni Flats



A popular choice for Study Abroad and Exchange students.



Unique opportunity to live the local student lifestyle – most flats have a NZ “Kiwi Host” student. Matched to like-minded people



Sustainability neighbourhood



Fully furnished and within easy walking distance of campus. Have your own bedroom but share kitchen, living, bathroom and laundry services



UniFlats accommodation fee includes everything (room cost, electricity, bed linen, wifi and the services of the UniFlats team)



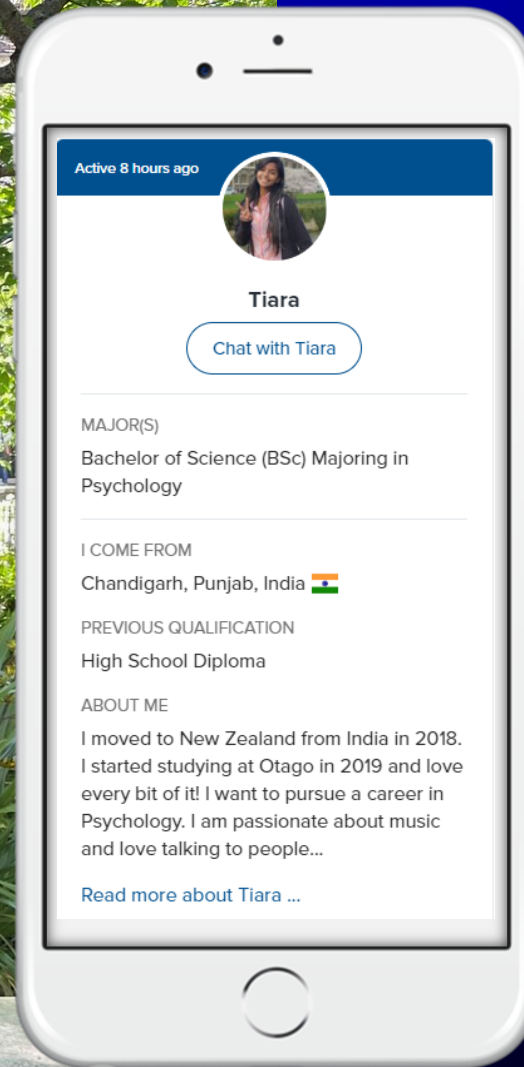
UniFlats community events and activities

Web /www.otago.ac.nz/uniflats| **Email** flats@otago.ac.nz



Questions

Unibuddy student ambassadors





Follow us on Instagram
[@universityofotagointernational](https://www.instagram.com/universityofotagointernational)





Check out the University of Otago 360 Campus Video



**We look forward to welcoming all
international students to Otago in
2025!**

Contact us: inbound.exchange@otago.ac.nz



Questions