# Information for students – 2017

## Contact details

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<th>University website</th>
<th><a href="http://www.auckland.ac.nz">www.auckland.ac.nz</a></th>
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| Auckland Abroad office for incoming students | Sarah Sung and Sherry Fan  
International Office  
Email: studyabroad@auckland.ac.nz  
Phone: +64 9 9231969  
Physical Address (for courier): Room G23, Old Choral Hall  
7 Symonds Street  
Auckland 1010 | Postal address:  
Private Bag 90219  
Auckland 1142 |
| Auckland Abroad website | www.auckland.ac.nz/studyabroad |

## Semester dates

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<th>Semester One 2017</th>
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| Lectures incl. exams | 6 March – 3 July 2017  
24 July – 20 November 2017 |
| Academic dates | [www.auckland.ac.nz/dates](http://www.auckland.ac.nz/dates) |

## Orientation

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<th>Orientation week</th>
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| Orientation week | 27 February - 3 March 2017  
We strongly encourage you to attend our orientation week. It provides helpful settling-in information and events giving you a wonderful opportunity to meet other students and make friends.  
Information about orientation is updated about two weeks before semester starts at [www.auckland.ac.nz/is-orientation](http://www.auckland.ac.nz/is-orientation) |
| Programme information | 19 – 21 July 2017 |

## Language

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<th>Language of instruction</th>
<th>English is the language of instruction and one of the official languages of New Zealand. Māori and New Zealand Sign Language are the other official languages of New Zealand.</th>
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| Language proficiency | All applicants for whom English is a second language are required to provide evidence of their proficiency in the English language.  
The required score for exchange students is:  
**IELTS (academic), total of 6.0, no band less than 5.5 (or equivalent).**  
*We accept a number of other English language test results including TOEFL, Cambridge, MELAB and Pearsons – please see our website for more details: [www.auckland.ac.nz/is-english](http://www.auckland.ac.nz/is-english)* |
| English language requirements | |

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## Programme

| Academic programme for exchange students | Exchange students are considered “non-degree” students at the University of Auckland and are enrolled in the **COPEX** (Certificate of Proficiency for Exchange) programme. Students accepted into the COPEX programme can select courses as outlined in the course information section on pages 3-4. |

## Application

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<th>Application deadline</th>
<th>Semester One 2017: 1 December 2016</th>
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<td>Step 1: Nomination</td>
<td>You must have completed at least one full-time year at our partner university and have a better-than-average academic record (equivalent to a B average at the University of Auckland). Nominations are considered on the basis of relevant student exchange agreements. Many of our exchange agreements exclude placements in the Faculty of Law. Please consult with student mobility staff at your home university. <strong>Nominations and below documents must be sent to the University of Auckland directly from your home university.</strong></td>
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<td>1. Copy of your academic transcript in English, including all courses you have taken.</td>
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<td>2. Certified copy of the relevant parts of your passport or birth certificate.</td>
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<td>3. Proof of English language proficiency (if applicable).</td>
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<td>Step 2: Online application</td>
<td>Exchange applicants apply online for the <strong>COPEX programme</strong> at <a href="http://www.auckland.ac.nz/applynow">www.auckland.ac.nz/applynow</a>. A step-by-step guide to the online application process is available at <a href="http://www.auckland.ac.nz/is-application-guide">www.auckland.ac.nz/is-application-guide</a>. You may upload an ID card photo at the time of application or later. This must be a colour, passport-size photo on plain background and emailed in JPEG format. For further photo requirements please refer to <a href="http://www.auckland.ac.nz/idphoto">www.auckland.ac.nz/idphoto</a></td>
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<td>Application status</td>
<td>We recommend that you check your application status by signing into the online Application for Admission approximately three weeks after applying online and providing all necessary supporting documents. Follow the steps at <a href="http://www.auckland.ac.nz/sso-status">www.auckland.ac.nz/sso-status</a></td>
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### Course information

| Course enrolment | Once you have received an offer of place in the COPEX programme, you must accept your offer online in order to enrol. You can then initiate course enrolment at [www.auckland.ac.nz/sso-enrol](http://www.auckland.ac.nz/sso-enrol). Exchange students can now **directly enrol into most courses** (some exceptions apply).

However, you should apply for “concession” to enrol in courses that require Auckland faculty approval. In this process, faculties assess whether your prior study meets relevant course prerequisites and notify you accordingly. In some occasions, you may be asked to provide course outlines/syllabi in English for courses equivalent to Auckland prerequisite requirements.

Detailed instructions on course enrolment are also provided in the offer of admission letter. |
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<td>Full-time study course load</td>
<td>The standard course load for full-time study is 50-60 points per semester or 100-120 points per year. Most courses are weighted 15 points and students generally take four courses per semester. Information on specific credit-points is available in our course catalogue <a href="http://www.auckland.ac.nz/sso-courseadvice">www.auckland.ac.nz/sso-courseadvice</a>.</td>
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<td>Hours of study</td>
<td>A standard semester course of 15 points represents 150 hours of study or 10 hours of study per week for 15 weeks (12 teaching weeks and three weeks of study break and examinations). The student workload in the teaching weeks would total 120 hours, made up of lectures, tutorials, seminars, laboratory classes, and other face-to-face contact, plus independent study as appropriate for each course.</td>
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| Course availability | Course descriptions and schedules are published in **early November** for the subsequent year (Semesters One and Two).

Brief course descriptions as well as information on course prerequisites and restrictions are available in our course catalogue [www.auckland.ac.nz/sso-courseadvice](http://www.auckland.ac.nz/sso-courseadvice).

For more detailed course descriptions, please refer to relevant faculty websites. |
| Course selection | Exchange students can select courses across different disciplines provided you meet course prerequisites and the courses are not restricted (see “course restrictions”). Information about our course structure can be found on Student Services Online [www.auckland.ac.nz/sso-enrol](http://www.auckland.ac.nz/sso-enrol). |
| Subject-specific course selection | Undergraduate students in **Law** from non-Commonwealth countries must enrol in "LAWGENRL 443 – Introduction to Common Law” (10 points), a course usually offered in the week prior to the official start of semester.

**Nursing** students take course NURS 302 (60 points) which generally commences before the official start of semester. |
### Course restrictions (not available to exchange students)
- Courses offered in Medicine, Surgery, Pharmacy and Optometry.
- Courses running for the whole academic year - e.g. PSYCH 308A and 308B (except students enrolled for the whole University of Auckland academic year – February to November).
- 100 level courses in Fine Arts, Architecture and Planning (unless you are majoring in this subject at your home university).
- BUSINESS 101 and BUSINESS 102.
- Graduate School of Management courses running on a quarterly basis – e.g. BUSACT, BUSADMIN etc.
- Courses ending with the letters F or H - e.g. HISTORY 91F or MAORIHTH 14H. These are foundation year courses and not appropriate for Exchange students.
- Stage I Engineering courses (ENGGEN 115, ENGGEN 121, ENGGEN 131, ENGGEN 140, ENGGEN 150, ENGSCI 111, ELECTENG 101, CHEMMAT 121) except for those ending in G.
- Courses ending with the letter “G” – e.g. PHYSICS 107G.
- 700 level Finance and Accounting courses.

### Courses with very limited enrolment availability
- Nursing* (note courses generally commence before the official start of semester)
- Psychology and Biological Science.
- Courses showing the letter “G” – e.g. PHYSICS 107G.
- 700 level Finance and Accounting courses.

We recommend that you have a second choice option for each course with limited enrolment availability. Students from these areas must apply early, in particular for Semester Two.

*Nursing is only available to undergraduate students coming through special arrangements with our School of Nursing.

### Postgraduate courses
Students who hold the equivalent of a New Zealand undergraduate degree may be able to take postgraduate courses if course prerequisites are met and accepted by the faculty.

The exchange programme is restricted to coursework only and does not include thesis writing and supervision.

Students who wish to take a full-year course load at postgraduate level are advised to apply as an international student to the University of Auckland for a one-year postgraduate programme.

### Courses with additional application requirements
Many courses in **Fine Arts, Architecture and Music** require submission of supplementary information such as a portfolio or DVD audition. Please refer to our website for more information: [www.creative.auckland.ac.nz/ug-supp-app](http://www.creative.auckland.ac.nz/ug-supp-app).

You may also contact our colleagues at the National Institute of Creative Arts and Industries (NICAI): [info-creative@auckland.ac.nz](mailto:info-creative@auckland.ac.nz).

For **language courses** students must complete a Language Ability Declaration to ensure that they are placed at an appropriate level. For more information refer to [www.arts.auckland.ac.nz/language-enrolment](http://www.arts.auckland.ac.nz/language-enrolment).

Or contact our colleagues at the Faculty of Arts: [asc@auckland.ac.nz](mailto:asc@auckland.ac.nz).
### Visa

| Student visa requirements | You must apply to Immigration New Zealand and **obtain your student visa prior to entering New Zealand**. Please contact the nearest New Zealand embassy or consulate for details of visa and application requirements: [www.immigration.govt.nz](http://www.immigration.govt.nz)

Exchange students should not enter New Zealand on a visitor visa. |
| Work restrictions on a student visa | Under current Immigration New Zealand regulations, only exchange students **who are undertaking a full-time study for at least one academic year and who are part of an approved tertiary student exchange scheme** are able to work on a student visa.

Eligible students will automatically be given the work right of a maximum of 20 hours in any given week, including holidays.

Exchange students who are studying here for one semester only, are **not allowed to work** on a student visa and are not eligible to apply for a Variation of Condition to a student visa.

Full details of visa requirements, advice on rights to employment in New Zealand while studying, as well as reporting requirements are available on the Immigration New Zealand website [www.immigration.govt.nz](http://www.immigration.govt.nz).

Work restrictions are stated on the Student Visa application guide. |

### Health and travel insurance

| Mandatory health and travel insurance | All enrolled international students are required to have appropriate health and travel insurance while studying in New Zealand. The University of Auckland’s preferred insurance policy for international students is Studentsafe-University. Please refer to Studentsafe University policy wording for full terms and conditions [www.auckland.ac.nz/is-insurance](http://www.auckland.ac.nz/is-insurance)

The Studentsafe insurance fee will be charged to students account automatically upon enrolment. The Studentsafe University insurance fee must be paid unless the University of Auckland approves the use of an alternative insurance provider.

Students who have an approved alternative insurance policy may apply for the insurance charge to be waived. Please see our website for a list of approved alternative policies. Insurance waiver applications must be received **before the second Friday of the semester**.

Studentsafe-University insurance cover starts 16 days prior to programme start date and ends on a student’s arrival back in their country of origin, following completion of their course of study; or on the expiry of their current student visa, whichever is the earlier.

**Australian citizens and residents**

Due to the Reciprocal Health Care Agreement between New Zealand and Australia, it is not mandatory for students with Australian citizenship or residency to be covered by the Studentsafe-University insurance policy.

However, we strongly advise these students to have appropriate health and travel insurance while studying in New Zealand as medical treatment often... |

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<th>Estimated fees for health and travel insurance</th>
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<td>2017 Studentsafe-University premium full year:</td>
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### Accommodation

| On-campus housing | Exchange students who wish to stay in University accommodation must apply online at [www.accommodation.auckland.ac.nz](http://www.accommodation.auckland.ac.nz).
|                   | **Places are guaranteed as long as you apply by the deadline.** |
|                   | Apply by 15 December (for Semester 1) or 1 May (for Semester 2) and pay a NZ$750 housing deposit and we will guarantee university housing. |
|                   | Confidential references are not required from Study Abroad and Exchange students for their accommodation application. |
| Off-campus housing | Students who do not wish to stay in a University residence are responsible for finding their own accommodation but may seek guidance from our Accommodation Advisory Service: [www.accommodation.auckland.ac.nz/advice](http://www.accommodation.auckland.ac.nz/advice) or [advisoryaccom@auckland.ac.nz](mailto:advisoryaccom@auckland.ac.nz). |

| Accommodation application | Semester One 2017:  
Open on **1 August**  
Close on **15 December 2016** | Semester Two 2017:  
Open on **1 April**  
Close on **1 May 2017** |

| Airport pick-up | Airport pick-up is free if you apply for it at least seven days prior to your arrival in Auckland. Information about airport pick-up and a link to the application form are provided in your offer of admission letter. |

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<td>If you have a confirmed place in University accommodation and plan to arrive earlier than the beginning of the residential agreement period, you should contact the accommodation management team to discuss the possibility of moving in earlier. If this is not possible, you will be required to organise your own temporary accommodation.</td>
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### Cost of living

| Estimated living expenses (in NZD) | Students should expect to pay NZ$20,000-$25,000 per year (NZ$380-480 per week) for accommodation and day-to-day living expenses, including meals. |
### On-campus accommodation (2017)

- For catered accommodation per semester: NZ$6,895.10 (standard bedroom) or NZ$7,162.50 (large bedroom).
- For self-catered accommodation per semester: variable, e.g., Carlaw Park Student Village is $5,439.00 per semester (single bedroom).
- Fees for specific halls of residences can be viewed at [www.accommodation.auckland.ac.nz/fees](http://www.accommodation.auckland.ac.nz/fees).

### Off-campus accommodation (2017)

- Flats (apartments) range from NZ$210-270 per week excluding bond, utilities, etc. Homestays range from NZ$300 per week (plus a NZ$270 non-refundable placement fee).

### Textbooks

Up to approximately NZ$600 per semester (not compulsory; digital, second-hand or library versions of textbooks may be available).

### Photocopying

Approximately NZ$5 per week (10 cents per page).

### Internet/Communication

Approximately NZ$25 per month.

### Travel


### Food/Groceries

Approximately NZ$100 per week – if not included in residence plan.

### General costs

For a more detailed overview of likely expenses, please refer to [www.auckland.ac.nz/living-costs](http://www.auckland.ac.nz/living-costs).

### Faculty information

#### Faculty websites

- Faculty of Arts  
  [www.arts.auckland.ac.nz](http://www.arts.auckland.ac.nz)
- Business School  
  [www.business.auckland.ac.nz](http://www.business.auckland.ac.nz)
- National Institute of Creative Arts and Industries (NICAI)  
  [www.creative.auckland.ac.nz](http://www.creative.auckland.ac.nz)
- Faculty of Education and Social Work  
  [www.education.auckland.ac.nz](http://www.education.auckland.ac.nz)
- Faculty of Engineering  
  [www.engineering.auckland.ac.nz](http://www.engineering.auckland.ac.nz)
- Faculty of Law  
  [www.law.auckland.ac.nz](http://www.law.auckland.ac.nz)
- Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences  
  [www.fmhs.auckland.ac.nz](http://www.fmhs.auckland.ac.nz)
- Faculty of Science  
  [www.science.auckland.ac.nz](http://www.science.auckland.ac.nz)
### Further information

| Travel within and outside the Auckland region | Visit [PURENZ](www.newzealand.com) to find out about the stunning adventure capital of the world.  
The [Department of Conservation](www.doc.govt.nz) website provides information on how to find parks, walks and campsites in and around New Zealand.  
To see what’s happening in Auckland please visit [www.aucklandnz.com](www.aucklandnz.com) or [www.biglittlecity.co.nz](www.biglittlecity.co.nz) |