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The University of Auckland International Short Courses

English Language



English language programmes for groups

The Centre for Continuing Education at The University of Auckland offers customised English language programmes for groups of 10 or more students from overseas.



Ross Crosson

If you want a high quality programme in English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL), we will design one to meet your needs.

Whether you want to stay for one week or six, with 10 students or 120, we can help.

We work closely with you to develop a unique and stimulating programme. Then we bring together a great team of enthusiastic and dedicated tutors with up-to-date specialist tertiary qualifications. These tutors deliver your customised programme. We also arrange field trips and activities to enhance your students' classroom learning.

If you would like to know more, please email us: cce@auckland.ac.nz

We also provide customised programmes for international professional development and Study Abroad students.

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Your programme

Academic programme

The classroom component of an English language programme focuses on improving students' writing, reading, speaking and listening skills.

Students attend class in the safe, modern facilities of one of New Zealand's best universities. We encourage students to take part in campus activities and they benefit from the lively student environment.



Activities and field trips

ESOL programmes usually combine English language study with cultural visits and field trips. These activities help to increase students' confidence when interacting with native English speakers in everyday situations. We are happy to suggest and organise activities that will fit your group's needs.

Typical activities include

- A Maori cultural workshop at the university marae
- A cultural exchange with University of Auckland students
- A visit to a supermarket with the English teacher
- A coach tour of greater Auckland
- A visit to the Auckland Museum
- A visit to the Auckland Zoo

The Centre for Continuing Education is also happy to arrange visits to regions outside Auckland such as Rotorua or the Bay of Islands.

Example of a programme

	Morning	Afternoon
Sunday	Arrive Auckland, NZ	Welcome and orientation Homestay family pick up
Monday	English Language Class	Tour of university campus
Tuesday	English Language Class	Visit Auckland Museum
Wednesday	English Language Class	Cultural exchange with University of Auckland students
Thursday	English Language Class	Visit Auckland Zoo
Friday	English Language Class	Farewell lunch Presentation of certificates
Saturday	Depart Auckland, NZ	



How we look after you

To make each learner's experience valuable and enjoyable, we work closely with students, accompanying academics and tour group leaders.

We arrange all of the following and more, depending on your needs.

Pre-departure

- Programme development
- Pre-departure information
- Accommodation

While you are here

- Airport greeting and transfers
- Orientation programme
- Programme coordination
- University library resources
- Student Health Services
- Student Support Services
- Field trips
- Social events
- Farewell function

Accommodation

The Centre for Continuing Education can arrange accommodation to suit your group.

The Centre recommends that students taking part in an English language programme use homestay accommodation.

Homestay accommodation allows students to practise their English in a supportive and friendly environment. So it is an excellent way for students to accelerate their learning. Students also learn about New Zealand culture and the way of life first-hand.

Homestay accommodation includes a room and breakfast and dinner on weekdays, and all meals for weekends and public holidays.

Homestay accommodation meets the criteria set out in the Ministry of Education's Code of Practice for the Pastoral Care of International Students. We monitor all students to ensure they are well-matched with their host families.

There is also a good range of quality and budget hotels or apartments within 15 minutes walk of the university campus.



Pastoral care

The University of Auckland is a signatory to the Ministry of Education's Code of Practice for the Pastoral Care of International Students. The Centre for Continuing Education is committed to the well-being of every student taking part in our programmes.

Contact us

We enjoy hosting international groups and offer a truly personal service.

If you would like to know more about a customised English language programme for your students, please email us: cce@auckland.ac.nz

Or call us. From within New Zealand, phone 0800 864 266. From other countries, phone +64 9 373 7599 ext 87038.

About The University of Auckland

Established in 1883, The University of Auckland is New Zealand's pre-eminent research-led university. It is the largest university in the country and is well-known for excellent teaching and service.

The University of Auckland also enjoys international status as the only New Zealand university invited to join Universitas 21 and the Association of Pacific Rim Universities. Membership of both groups is by invitation and limited to research-led institutions of international reputation across a broad spectrum of disciplines.

The university attracts postgraduate and undergraduate students from all over the world. Nearly 5,000 international students from 80 countries choose to study at Auckland. Their different perspectives and cultures enrich the entire university community.

The Times Higher Education Supplement World University Rankings 2007

Overall ranking: 50

Subject area rankings

- Biomedicine: 41
- Arts and Humanities: 32
- Social Sciences: 35

Students

Undergraduate: 29,000

Postgraduate: 9,000

Domestic: 33,000

International: 5,000

Staff

Academic: 2,800

General: 2,800

Degrees awarded (2006)

Undergraduate: 6,143

Postgraduate: 4,098

Alumni

Over 100,000 alumni—about 20,000 offshore.



Campus life

The city campus is in the heart of Auckland, separated from the central business district towers by historic Albert Park. To the south-east lie the trees and open spaces of the Auckland Domain. Students enjoy being close to the cultural and commercial amenities of the country's largest city, yet still enjoy an attractive park-like setting.



Good public transport makes The University of Auckland easily accessible from all corners of the city.

Students on International Short Courses can use many of the university's facilities and services. These include the Recreation Centre, Library and iSPACE, which is a place for international students to meet and socialise.

Student Health operates a general medical practice on campus. You have access to this practice and will be charged a NZ\$20 consultation fee, plus a charge for any medication.

Other amenities located on the city campus include

- A hairdresser
- Post and travel agencies
- A pharmacy
- Book and computer shops
- A bank and several ATM machines
- A foodhall and several cafés
- Bars and licensed restaurants

There are always plays, concerts and other entertainment running at the University's Maidment Theatre and other nearby performance venues.



About Auckland

Landscape and climate

Auckland city is built on the isthmus between the Pacific Ocean and Tasman Sea. It is sheltered from the prevailing westerly winds by the scenic Waitakere ranges. The region stretches from the rugged west coast, with its black sand beaches, over mountain ranges to the beautiful white sandy beaches of the east coast and out to the islands of the Hauraki Gulf. Auckland is known as the 'City of Sails' and Aucklanders love being out on the water. The numerous volcanic cones around which the city is built make for an interesting and hilly terrain with spectacular views. Auckland experiences a temperate coastal climate with plentiful sunshine and rain showers. Monthly average maximum temperatures range between 14 and 24°C (57-75°F).

People

Auckland is the gateway to New Zealand. About 70% of all overseas migrants choose to live in Auckland. It is therefore the most multicultural city in New Zealand and the biggest Polynesian city in the world. The population of 1.3 million is made up of people mainly from European, Maori, Polynesian and Asian cultures. So the Auckland lifestyle has plenty of cultural diversity.

Things to do

Auckland is a great place to live and study. There is something for everyone, from extreme adventure to a quiet morning coffee and browsing in the local markets and shops. Residents and visitors take part in world class entertainment and sporting events, cultural festivals and leisure activities. For dining out, there are restaurants to meet every taste, including many ethnic restaurants in the city and suburbs.

People have the choice of relaxing in one of the 800 parks and open spaces in Auckland. Outside the city centre, Regional Parks provide larger open spaces for recreation and exploration. There are well-maintained, safe walkways providing access to the unique natural environment on the coast or in the bush.

About New Zealand

Landscape

New Zealand lies in the southern Pacific Ocean, 1,600 km east of Australia and is made up of two main islands.

In the South Island, the spectacularly beautiful landscape includes the vast mountain range of the Southern Alps. There are also broad coastal plains, deeply indented fiords and lush rainforest. In the North Island, there are fascinating geothermal areas, beaches and large harbours. One quarter of New Zealand is protected wilderness and much of the country is pollution free.

Although New Zealand is about the same size as Japan or Colorado, the population is small—just 4 million people. So New Zealand is one of the world's least crowded countries. It provides an environment for students seeking a peaceful, slower pace of life as well as a playground for thrill seekers and adventurers.

History

Polynesian settlers arrived in Aotearoa/New Zealand around the tenth century. By the twelfth century, settlements were scattered over most of the country. Abel Tasman was the first European explorer to see New Zealand in 1642. But it was Captain James Cook who first set foot on New Zealand soil in 1769. The first permanent European settlers arrived in the 1830s.

The Treaty of Waitangi established the country as a nation and is regarded as New Zealand's founding document. It was signed in 1840 between leading Maori chiefs and representatives of the British Crown at Waitangi in the Bay of Islands. Waitangi is now one of the country's most historic sites. The signing of the treaty began on 6 February and this day has become New Zealand's national day, known as 'Waitangi Day'.

Culture

New Zealand culture is unique and dynamic. The culture of its indigenous Maori people affects the language, the arts, and even the accents of New Zealanders. Recent migrants, particularly from Asia, have helped to create a diverse society full of interest and variety. New Zealanders are heavily involved in outdoor activities, with sports and leisure playing a major role in shaping their cultural identity.

