New Start
University Preparation Courses
A warm welcome from New Start

Thinking of coming to university? Then the University of Auckland is the right choice. New Start is a part-time preparation programme. It will bridge you into a range of degrees here. So let us help you take that first step towards joining us!

New Start programmes

New Start is for anyone aged 20 years or older who needs to gain the skills and confidence to begin at university. It’s a realistic introduction to first-year study. The programme includes study skills and is made up of lectures, tutorials, workshops, assignments with feedback, an Academic Integrity course and a final test.

All courses are part-time and offered prior to or during the University semester term. You can complete New Start in one semester. So long as you’ve achieved the necessary grades and fulfilled other eligibility requirements, you can then be enrolled for an undergraduate degree in the following semester.

You need to select the New Start courses that will set up a pathway to your chosen programme. Admission into Arts, Education and Social Work, Business and Law will depend on your final grade from New Start.

Entry requirements

You must be 20 years or older, a New Zealand citizen or permanent resident, and have a good standard of English. We welcome everyone with the potential and drive to succeed. Many capable people don’t do very well at school. So please don’t let that hold you back from applying.

New Start courses

New Start General NSGEN 47 will prepare you for an undergraduate degree in Arts, Education and Social Work and Law. This course is compulsory.

Enjoying Mathematics NSMAT 10 is a short, intensive refresher course. You should complete this first if you haven’t achieved NCEA Level 2 Mathematics but wish to apply for NSMAT 14.

Mathematics Preparation for University NSMAT 14 and New Start General NSGEN 47 will prepare you for an undergraduate degree in Commerce or Property. Both courses are compulsory if you plan to gain admission from New Start to the Business School.

Before you’re enrolled in NSMAT 10 or NSMAT 14, you’ll sit a 30-minute maths assessment. We’ll use your results to recommend the right pathway for you.

For more information, please visit our website:

www.auckland.ac.nz/newstart

In order to make the best choices possible, please seek advice from an undergraduate advisor in the faculty you wish to prepare for. Alternatively you’re welcome to contact our office for further advice.

We look forward to hearing from you soon!

The New Start Team

New Start enables you to:

- Assess your academic ability and improve your skills.
- Study part-time on day or evening courses.
- Discover what university is all about.
- Gain an insight into subjects to make an informed choice for further study.
- Meet experienced university lecturers and tutors.

Your New Start experience will open your mind to a range of subjects and help you plan your university study. We invite you to join us in 2017 and begin your exciting journey as a successful adult learner.

To apply for admission, visit the University of Auckland website and click on Apply Now.

www.auckland.ac.nz

Otherwise join us at an information evening in February 2017 to find out more about our programmes. You’re also welcome to contact our office for further advice.

We look forward to hearing from you soon!

The New Start Team

Information evening 2017

To learn more about one of our New Start programmes, you, your friends and family are welcome to attend a free information evening. This will help you decide about your future study.

2017 Information Evening – Tuesday 7 February, 6-7pm
Venue: University of Auckland, City Campus

For more information, please visit us online: www.auckland.ac.nz
New Start General NSGEN 47

New Start General is designed to prepare you for entry into a range of degrees at the University of Auckland.

As a New Start student, you’ll be introduced to many topics in humanities, social sciences, education and social work, law and science. So having assessed your areas of interest and considered the options available, you’ll be able to make the right decision about your future study.

New Start General offers you:

- A programme of weekly lectures, workshops and tutorials
- A choice of locations – the University of Auckland City Campus in Semesters One and Two, Manukau Campus in Semesters One and Two, Tai Tokerau Campus (Whangarei) in Semester Two only
- Access to online course resources
- Mentoring and peer support
- Part-time study over one semester (13 weeks) for Auckland courses (The Tai Tokerau course is held on Saturdays over eight weeks.)
- Assignments to write and a test to sit
- An Academic Integrity course

The Auckland programme will include an Orientation Day. You’ll get tips on how to manage your studies, a campus tour, lunch, an overview of course expectations, the course timetable and information about entry requirements for future study. All Auckland students are expected to attend Orientation, which takes place at the City Campus.

- Semester One Orientation Day is Saturday 4 March 2017.
- Semester Two Orientation Day is Saturday 22 July 2017.
Lectures
During the programme, you’ll attend weekly two-hour lectures by staff from various disciplines and faculties. The classes will introduce you to a new subject area each week and may include the following topics:
- Ancient History
- Anthropology
- Art History
- Classics
- Comparative Literature
- Economics
- Education and Social Work
- History
- Law
- Māori Studies
- Media, Film and Television
- Philosophy
- Politics and International Relations
- Psychology
- Sociology
- Test preparation

Note that lecture topics and assignments may vary each semester.

Workshops
To support you during the course, we run a series of study skills workshops. These will help you develop your skills and your understanding of what will be expected of you during your university study. Most workshops run for one or two hours and include the following topics:
- Assessing your language skills
- Essay writing skills
- Life on campus
- Managing your New Start studies
- Memory, revision and exam techniques
- Taking notes and reviewing lectures
- Planning your degree studies
- Reading critically
- Test preparation
- Using information technology
- Using the library

Tutorials
As well as weekly lectures, you’ll attend one-hour tutorials for assessed topics during the course. These small-group discussions give you the opportunity to ask about lectures or assignments. Tutorials are normally held a day or two after lecture classes.

Assessment
During the course, you’ll complete three assignments, an Academic Integrity course and a final test. These tasks will help prepare you for university studies. We’ll use your results to assess your application to the University of Auckland.

Learning outcomes
Having successfully completed your New Start course, you’ll be able to:
- Demonstrate the skills necessary for undergraduate study.
- Write essays in an appropriate academic style.
- Demonstrate study skills and self-management.
- Demonstrate the ability to critically analyse and evaluate concepts.
- Describe and debate issues of importance within at least ten different disciplines.
- Make informed decisions, plan an undergraduate course of study and enrol at the University of Auckland.

2017 Semester One course dates
NSGEN 47
Where: Manukau Institute of Technology, Otara Campus
When: 12 sessions, Mondays 6 March-29 May, 6-8pm (plus additional workshops and tutorial classes)
Closing date for application: 26 February 2017
Orientation: University of Auckland City Campus, Saturday 4 March, 10am-3pm
Final test: University of Auckland City Campus, Wednesday 7 June, 6-8pm

NSGEN 47
Where: University of Auckland City Campus
When: 12 sessions, Wednesdays, 8 March-31 May, 12-2pm, (plus additional workshops and tutorial classes)
Closing date for application: 26 February 2017
Orientation: University of Auckland City Campus, Saturday 4 March, 10am-3pm
Final test: University of Auckland City Campus, Wednesday 7 June, 6-8pm

2017 Semester Two course dates
NSGEN 47
Where: Manukau Institute of Technology, Otara Campus
When: 12 sessions, Mondays 24 July-16 October, 6-8pm (plus additional workshops and tutorial classes)
Closing date for application: 16 July 2017
Orientation: University of Auckland City Campus, Saturday 22 July, 10am-3pm
Final test: University of Auckland City Campus, Wednesday 25 October, 6-8pm

NSGEN 47
Where: University of Auckland City Campus
When: Tuesdays, 25 July-17 October, 6-8pm (plus additional workshops and tutorial classes)
Closing date for application: 16 July 2017
Orientation: University of Auckland City Campus, Saturday 22 July, 10am-3pm
Final test: University of Auckland City Campus, Wednesday 25 October, 6-8pm

NSGEN 47
Where: University of Auckland Tai Tokerau Campus, Whangarei
When: Saturdays, 16 September-11 November, 9am-4pm
Closing date for application: 9 September 2017
Orientation: University of Auckland Tai Tokerau Campus, Saturday 16 September, 8:45-9:45am
Final test: University of Auckland Tai Tokerau Campus, Saturday 11 November, 9-11am
New Start Mathematics NSMAT 10 and NSMAT 14

New Start Mathematics is designed to be taken with New Start General to prepare you for entry into Business at the University of Auckland. Before enrolling in New Start, you’ll need to sit a maths assessment. We’ll use your results to recommend the right pathway for you.

New Start Mathematics offers you:
• A programme of weekly lectures and a maths tutor
• Access to online course materials
• Mentoring and peer support
• Part-time study over one 12-week semester
• Assignments and a test to sit
• An Academic Integrity course

As a New Start student, you’ll explore a variety of topics in maths. Then, having assessed your areas of interest and available options, you can make the right decision about your future study. We’ll provide more detailed information on the Orientation Day.

Enjoying Mathematics NSMAT 10
This is a short, intensive course taught on Saturdays in a workshop environment. There will be lectures, but most of the time you’ll be working together collaboratively, either as a whole class or in groups.

Enjoying Mathematics is a great way to build your skills and confidence.

Assessment
During the course, you’ll complete two assignments and sit a final test.

Learning outcomes
Having successfully completed the course, you’ll be able to:
• Approach further mathematics courses with increased skills.
• Understand the idea of a function in the sense of describing number patterns.
• Understand Pascal’s Triangle and Prime Numbers.
• Understand the relationship between length, area and volume.
• Evaluate and prepare statistical presentations.
• Create 2-D plans of simple 3-D objects.
• Understand the mathematical concepts embedded in maps.
• Understand the use of probabilities in everyday situations.
• Understand the ideas of rate and ration in the context of medicine dosages.
• Use formulae in a variety of situations.
• Represent simple patterns both algebraically and graphically.

Mathematics Preparation for University NSMAT 14
This course is compulsory, together with New Start General, if you plan to apply for an undergraduate degree in Commerce or Property at the University of Auckland’s Business School.

You’ll explore a variety of topics of everyday interest, with the aim of clarifying the underlying mathematics and statistics.

Assessment
During the course, you’ll complete three assignments and sit a final test.

Learning outcomes
Having successfully completed the course, you’ll be able to:
• Confidently use formulae to analyse problems and calculate solutions.
• Use mathematical and statistical approaches to interpret data.
• Describe how modelling contributes to people’s understanding of businesses and the environment.

2017 Semester One course dates
NSMAT 10
Where: University of Auckland City Campus
When: 4 sessions, Saturdays, 4-25 February, 9am-4pm
Closing date for application: 29 January 2017

NSMAT 14
Where: University of Auckland City Campus
When: 12 sessions, Thursdays, 9 March-1 June, 6.30-8.30pm
Closing date for application: 26 February 2017
Orientation Day: University of Auckland City Campus, Saturday 4 March, 10am-3pm

2017 Semester Two course dates
NSMAT 10
Where: University of Auckland City Campus
When: 4 sessions, Saturdays, 24 June-15 July, 9am-4pm
Closing date for application: 18 June 2017

NSMAT 14
Where: University of Auckland City Campus
When: 12 sessions, Thursdays, 27 July-19 October, 6.30-8.30pm
Closing date for application: 16 July 2017
Orientation Day: University of Auckland City Campus, Saturday 22 July, 10am-3pm
Making New Start work for you

If you wish to create a pathway to any of the following undergraduate degrees, apply now for a place in New Start General NSGEN 47.

Your final grade from New Start General NSGEN 47 will determine whether we can offer you a place in one of the following degree programmes:

- Bachelor of Arts
- Bachelor of Education (Teaching)
- Bachelor of Human Services
- Bachelor of Laws
- Bachelor of Social Work

If you plan to apply for Business, you need to enrol in the following courses. Before your enrolment is confirmed, you’ll need to sit a maths assessment. We’ll use the results to recommend the right pathway for you.

Your final grades from Mathematics Preparation for University NSMAT 14 and New Start General NSGEN 47 will determine whether the Business School can offer you a place in an undergraduate degree programme in one of the following areas:

- Bachelor of Commerce
- Bachelor of Property

Please note that on completing New Start, you won’t be eligible to apply for a conjoint degree until you’ve completed one year of your undergraduate degree.

Planning ahead

It’s important to select the right New Start course(s). Every mark you achieve will be used to assess your application for admission to the University of Auckland.

Seek advice early from a faculty adviser about your future study plan. Some programmes may have additional entry requirements.
Next steps

Enquire
web: www.auckland.ac.nz/newstart
email: newstart@auckland.ac.nz
Phone: +64 9 923 7832

Visit the Student Information Centre
Room 112, the ClockTower, 22 Princes Street, Auckland or phone 0800 61 62 63

Apply for a place in the New Start Programme
Do you have internet access, or can you come onto campus to our help labs?

Yes
- Log on to www.auckland.ac.nz
- Click on Apply Now.
- Complete the online application for a place in your course(s) of choice by the closing deadline.
- An acknowledgement email will ask you to provide specific certified documents (and in some cases to complete other requirements) before your application can be assessed. The email will also tell you how to access the University’s Student Services Online system to complete the next steps.

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Phone: 0800 61 62 63 (outside Auckland)
09 923 1969 (in Auckland)
+64 9 923 1969 (overseas)

Offer
You’ll be required to meet the conditions of your offer and to verify your personal details.

Accept
Accept your offer of a place in the programme.

You’re now a student at the University of Auckland. Congratulations!
General information

What will it cost?
Fees for 2017 are listed with each course on the New Start website. Every effort is made to keep fees low so that everyone with potential has the opportunity to come to University. New Start fees are roughly equivalent to those for undergraduate courses.

Once your enrolment is confirmed, please pay your fee before the course begins.

New Start courses are part-time, and so you won’t be eligible to apply to Studylink for a student loan or allowance.

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New Start grants
You can also consider other ways of financing your study through the following options.

New Start University Preparation Award
New Start offers limited financial assistance to potential students who wish to complete New Start at the University of Auckland. To download the application for the award go to www.auckland.ac.nz/newstart

Click on Financial assistance for New Start.

New Start Fee Assistance Scheme
A fee assistance scheme was established in 2009 and is funded by the University of Auckland New Start. A limited number of places are offered to students to help fund their course fee each semester. Students who apply for this scheme may be required to provide administration assistance before and during the semester. You can complete the assistance application online when you apply for admission. Alternatively, contact the New Start office for an application form.