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**VICTORIA UNIVERSITY OF WELLINGTON  
FOUNDATION STUDIES PROGRAMME**

# FOUNDATION CONNECT

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Delivered by UP International College New Zealand, Foundation Connect provides a comprehensive, English-rich curriculum to prepare students for the Foundation Studies Programme. This six-month extension programme allows students to develop their English skills, confidence and apply these English skills in an academic setting. Foundation Connect includes engagement in Mathematics and optional academic courses to give students a broader foundation for future learning.

While the programme is aimed at providing learners with the skills to study effectively in an academic setting, it also provides a direct pathway to the Victoria University of Wellington Foundation Studies Program with students guaranteed entry to Foundation provided they achieve the minimum criteria.

The main aim of Foundation Connect is to provide learners with the skills necessary to study effectively in an academic setting and a clear pathway to further study. Any student who wishes to enter the Victoria University of Wellington Foundation Studies Programme but does not yet meet the entry requirements based on English language skills and academic background would benefit from studying this extension programme.



# COURSE STRUCTURE

Through engaging lessons and study materials, students will develop their skills in listening, speaking, reading, and writing. Students will explore a wide range of stimulating and current topics; participate in discussions, conversations, and presentations; read a variety of adapted and authentic texts in English; and learn to write for different tasks, purposes, and audiences. Students will also expand their academic and thematic vocabulary, as well as learn instructional words commonly used in academic studies. A strong emphasis is made on teaching grammatical structures and encouraging students to develop skills and strategies for improving their shortcomings in this area of language learning.

There are two compulsory subjects (English and English for Mathematics) and two academic subjects per term. These academic subjects will be used to prepare students for their future academic studies and contextualise their academic English usage.

- English – 15 hours per week
- English for Mathematics – 3 hours per week and 1 Flexible Learning Activity (FLA)
- Academic subjects – 3 live lessons and 1 FLA - students do all four academic subjects with two in the first term and two in the second term.

The academic subjects available area: Business; Science; Humanities (Geography) and Media

## Each Term:

- English - 15 live lessons per week
- Maths - 3 live lessons and 1 FLA per week
- 2 Academic subjects - 3 live lessons - 1 FLA



Example timetable (NZST Time):

		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Period 1	9:30					
Period 2	10:30					
Period 3	11:30	Geography				Mathematics
Period 4	12:30	English	English		English	Media Studies
Period 5	1:30	Mathematics	Geography		English	
Period 6	2:30	Media Studies	English	English		
Period 7	3:30		Mathematics	Geography		English
Period 8	4:30	English	Media Studies	English	English	

ONLINE DELIVERY

New Zealand border is already opened to international students, but if you have concerns or constrains of international travel, the intakes will be available for both online and on-campus tuition. Online classes will be taught in the afternoon New Zealand time to accommodate for the time difference with the countries where our overseas students are based. To learn more about how our online delivery works go here: [wgtn.up.education/online-delivery](https://wgtn.up.education/online-delivery)



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## ASSESSMENTS

Foundation Connect will have a combination of internal assessments and exams with a minimum of 40% of the assessment weightings being exams.

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## INTAKE DATES

There are four intakes per year; February, April, July and October

All intakes will be available on campus and online.

Foundation Connect Programme will be delivered in Auckland Campus for students currently in New Zealand.

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## FEES

Tuition Fee: \$15,990 NZD

### Other Fees

Application Fee: \$400\*

Resource Fee: \$1,200\*\*

Exam Fee: \$350

Medical & Travel insurance: \$335\*\*\*

\*Note that when you progress onto the Victoria University of Wellington Certificate in Foundation Studies students will not need to pay this again

\*\*Students who are studying online will receive a 50% discount on this fee.

\*\*\*International students must have comprehensive medical and travel insurance while in New Zealand.

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## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

To enrol in Foundation Connect, students will need to meet the minimum English language and academic entry requirements:

You must be at least 15 years old.

English language requirement: IELTS 4.5

Academic (no band less than 4.0) or an accepted equivalent including the UP English Language Test:

**Accepted Equivalents:**

[wgtn.up.education/entry-requirements](http://wgtn.up.education/entry-requirements)

**Learn more here:**

[wgtn.up.education/english-test](http://wgtn.up.education/english-test)

It is important that students who join this programme can understand basic instructions and participate in class in English. Students entering this programme will be streamed into different class groups at the beginning of each term to ensure that students are in the most appropriate group for their language levels.

**Academic Requirement:**

For all Academic Requirements please refer to the Victoria University of Wellington Entry Requirements insert, or you can view them here: [wgtn.up.education/entry-requirements](http://wgtn.up.education/entry-requirements)



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## VISA'S AND OFFERS

Students who are starting with Foundation Connect will apply for their visa with UP International College New Zealand. Upon successful completion of the Foundation Connect programme, students will receive a firm offer from Up International College New Zealand for the Standard Plus Victoria University of Wellington Foundation Studies Programme, for which the visa will be issued under the Up International College New Zealand.

Students also have the option of being offered a pathway visa covering all 3 courses:

1. Foundation Connect
2. Victoria University of Wellington Foundation Studies Programme
3. Victoria University of Wellington Degree

If you are currently not in New Zealand, you do not need a visa to start your course online. You can still receive valuable learning as planned without delay.

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## PATHWAY TO FOUNDATION

To accept your conditional offer for the Victoria University of Wellington Foundation Studies Programme, students must meet the minimum progression grades:

- a minimum of 50% in English
- a minimum of 40% in all academic subjects and an average of 50% across the same 3 academic subjects (Maths plus 2 others).

Some important notes: In exceptional circumstances where a student exhibits outstanding work ethic and academic results, we may consider entrance into a fast-track programme. This decision is based on what is best academically for the student and will be at the discretion of the academic staff.

If a student needs to re-sit one or more subjects to meet the minimum progression grades, this may be possible. As suitable extension study plan will be recommended on an individual basis by the academic team.

If a student fails a Foundation Connect course more than twice, they cannot be re-enrolled.





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UP Education partners with leading universities in New Zealand and Australia to provide learning pathways to international students, equipping them with the knowledge, skills and confidence to excel at English-language universities.

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