



Group Courses



Welcome to the ELA

In the spirit of manaakitanga (the Māori word for hospitality, kindness, generosity or support – the process of showing respect, generosity and care for others), we welcome you to Auckland, New Zealand, with open hearts and open minds.

Each year the University of Auckland English Language Academy (ELA) welcomes groups of students from around the world. Groups are usually from a university, organisation or government body. Study courses can be catered to the university's needs and can include integrating students into General English, a closed group course, or a combination of both. Integrated General English courses for groups are usually for minimum of 3 students, and there is a minimum of 12 students for a closed course.

Teaching excellence

ELA courses are delivered by highly qualified and experienced teachers and teacher trainers with degrees and TESOL qualifications, who are all dedicated to helping students reach their goals. ELA teachers use a communicative language teaching approach, where interaction and communication are the main aims of study. Lessons involve active learning through pair and group work, in which teachers facilitate communication and provide students with every opportunity to practice their language skills.

Support for group students

A team of dedicated staff members across the ELA work together to deliver a successful group course. The ELA Student Services Team works closely with your home institution to ensure that everything is taken care of, from pre-arrival administration, application forms and first-day orientation to post-course reports and follow-ups.



The University Of Auckland

Ranked among the world's top 100 universities¹, the University of Auckland offers you the opportunity to gain an internationally recognised qualification at New Zealand's leading university.

Range of programmes

The University offers 160 programmes from Bachelor's level to PhD, including both research and course-work based Masters programmes, and short-term Study Abroad programmes.

Employment prospects

With a reputation for being open minded, real-world thinkers, University of Auckland graduates are highly regarded by employers around the world.²

¹QS World University Rankings 2020

²QS Graduate Employability Rankings 2019

Quick facts

- Established: 1883
- Ranking: 83rd in the world (QS 2020)
- Students: approximately 42,000
- International Students: 8,500

Faculties:

- Arts (Humanities and Social Sciences)
- Business
- Creative Arts and Industries
- Education and Social Work
- Engineering
- Law
- Medical and Health Sciences
- Science



¹Times Higher Education and QS rankings for 2020.



²QS Graduate Employability Rankings 2019



³Reuters top 75 universities

New Zealand

New Zealand is a modern, English-speaking country with a rich culture, known internationally for its beautiful natural landscapes and the culture of its native Māori people.

Located in the South Pacific Ocean about 2,200km east of Australia, New Zealand has two main islands – the North Island and the South Island. Similar in size and shape to the United Kingdom or Japan, New Zealand has a relatively small population of around 4.7 million people, making it one of the least crowded countries in the world.

New Zealand has been strongly influenced by Māori culture, its historic links as a British colony and by more recent migration mainly from Asia and Pacific Island nations. New Zealand people have a reputation for being warm, welcoming and friendly to visitors.

#1 WORLDWIDE among English-speaking countries in preparing students for the future¹

¹Economist Intelligence Unit – Worldwide Educating for the Future Index 2019

POPULATION:
Approximately

4.7m



OFFICIAL LANGUAGES:

English & Māori



**NEW ZEALAND IS THE SAFEST
ENGLISH-SPEAKING COUNTRY IN THE WORLD**

**2nd worldwide²
out of 163 countries**

²Global Peace Index 2019



CURRENCY:

New Zealand dollar



Auckland

The ELA is located in a modern building on the University of Auckland's City Campus, in the centre of Auckland city.

Auckland's location next to two harbours means you can enjoy living in a large, cosmopolitan city, but still be close to beautiful beaches, nature walks and peaceful islands. You can go kayaking on the harbour in the morning and hike through green forests in the afternoon. Auckland boasts a variety of great cafés, restaurants and bars, excellent theatres, galleries and museums, great shopping and colourful Pacific and Asian cultural influences.



3rd
out of
231 WORLD CITIES
For quality of life³



**NEW ZEALAND'S
Largest
City
and
ECONOMIC
CENTRE**



**POPULATION:
Approximately**

**1.6
million**



³Mercer Consulting Quality of Living Survey 2019.

Quick facts

LARGEST CITY:

Auckland
(population 1.6 million)



DIVERSE PEOPLE:

Auckland is New Zealand's most multicultural region, with people of European, Asian, Pacific, and Māori descent.

CAPITAL:

Wellington

CLIMATE:

New Zealand has four seasons but extremes of temperature are unusual. Temperatures in Auckland range from an average of 20°C in summer (December to March) to 11°C in winter (June to August).

Group Courses

GENERAL ENGLISH

General English will help students to improve their ability to communicate in English in social and work situations and can act as a bridge to other ELA courses. The course focuses on the development of communication skills with a balance of speaking, listening, reading and writing tasks. Students will be integrated according to their English level and will learn through class activities, individual, pair, and group work with other students from a range of backgrounds and nationalities.

General English includes elective classes, which allow students to tailor their course to meet their learning goals, as they can choose a class to focus on a particular subject or skills. The elective classes are dependent on the level and student demand.

Minimum entry requirement: Elementary (CEFR level A1, IELTS 3.5 or TOEFL iBT 20)

Class type: Integrated

General English level	CEFR level
Advanced	CEFR level B2+
Upper Intermediate	CEFR level B2
Intermediate	CEFR level B1
Pre-Intermediate	CEFR level A2
Elementary	CEFR level A1+

NEW ZEALAND CULTURE

These courses will enhance students' ability to communicate in English with increased confidence and competence, with particular emphasis on pronunciation and use of English in social situations. Lessons will focus on learning about New Zealand culture, history and lifestyle. Topics may include Māori culture & language, food, environment, tourism and art. The course will allow students to interact in the community through meeting students from a high school, students at the University of Auckland and other New Zealanders. Language components of the course are functional; aimed at communication for real-life situations. Students will also learn and practice key skills in preparing and presenting presentations. The course will culminate in students giving a presentation in English which reflects on the cultural differences between their home country and New Zealand.

Class type: Closed

Course	Course length	Minimum entry requirement
Cultural Experience	1 – 2 weeks	Elementary
Cultural Understanding	1 – 2 weeks	Pre-Intermediate
NZ Culture + English	3 – 4 weeks	Pre-Intermediate

FCERTEAP + STUDY ABROAD

Participants will study the Foundation Certificate in English for Academic Purposes (FCertEAP) at the ELA and one semester of undergraduate study in the Study Abroad programme at the University of Auckland. The FCertEAP is an English pathway programme which prepares participants for the academic language and skills needed for success at university. Participants will satisfy the English entry requirements for entry into the University of Auckland Study Abroad programme upon receiving an acceptable final grade in the FCertEAP programme. Study Abroad students have the option of studying a wide range of subjects across eight faculties, providing all relevant prerequisites are met.

Class type: Integrated

Course	Course length	Minimum entry requirement
FCertEAP	17 or 20 weeks	CEFR B1+ (equivalent to IELTS Overall 5.0 or TOEFL iBT 60)
Study Abroad	One semester	Successful completion of FCertEAP



"I chose to study at the ELA because I wanted a professional and focused English language course. The teachers here have taught me skills to continue learning by myself in future, and they use different methods such as online technology to share useful content and links. Studying here has been a more complete way to improve my English."

**Anna Rosenfeld Vilalta,
Catalonia**



"I chose the TESOL (TKT) course because it gives you a lot of valuable information about teaching and all the different techniques you can use in the classroom. I learnt how to develop lessons plans and how to choose which one is the best approach to use in class. My teacher was very professional, very smart and charismatic. She was very dedicated to the class and you could clearly see that she was very passionate about it. I would recommend this course to people who want to start a career as an English teacher and to self-made teachers who want to have a formal qualification."

Dario, Peru

TEACHER TRAINING

Teacher Training courses at the ELA are designed to increase knowledge of communicative approaches to English language learning and teaching, as well as introducing participants to the curriculum and current pedagogical approaches in New Zealand schools. They also increase confidence and awareness of participants' own language use for teaching and learning.

Teacher Training classes are highly practical, placing considerable emphasis on hands-on techniques, communicative language teaching and task-based learning.

Class type: Closed

Course	Course length	Minimum entry requirement
Teaching English to Very Young Learners	1 – 2 weeks	Elementary
Teaching English to Primary Learners	1 – 3 weeks	Intermediate
Teaching English to Secondary Learners	1 – 3 weeks	Intermediate
English for Teaching – TESOL TKT	4 weeks or 10 weeks	Upper Intermediate



"Studying abroad is part of our curriculum, and I chose New Zealand because I'm really interested in its culture and society. I've made really good friends here - we had lunch and dinners together and shared our different cultures and ideas with each other. My host family is from Fiji and Samoa, so I learned about Pacific island culture and I had the chance to try Pacific island food. Through group work I learnt a lot of academic skills, and how to discuss issues in an English-speaking academic environment."

Naoki Kuramochi, Japan

IELTS PREPARATION

IELTS Preparation focuses on the exam format, how to approach different question types and practical exam skills and strategies. This course is designed for candidates whose English proficiency is sufficient to achieve their desired band score, but who want to improve their IELTS test-taking techniques.

Students studying General English or Academic English, with an appropriate English level, can choose an IELTS preparation elective class.

Class type: Closed

Course	Course length	Minimum entry requirement
IELTS Preparation	1 – 4 weeks	Intermediate

Students can take an IELTS test at the ELA IELTS Centre upon completion of a course, and they can choose between a paper-based test or computer-delivered test.



"In Chile I was working in the mining industry and was looking for ways to advance my career opportunities, many of which required fluent English. I chose New Zealand as a study destination as it is a very inclusive country. I'm grateful to the ELA as my teachers always encouraged me and gave me the grammar and communicative English needed for my profession. I feel that if the ELA wasn't part of my journey, I wouldn't be working here at the University in the kind of career I studied for in my home country."

Victoria Bravo, Chile

ENGLISH FOR SPECIFIC PURPOSES (ESP)

English for Specific Purposes (ESP) courses are designed to support students with the English language they need for study in a particular field or to take part in a specific activity. Courses usually cater to a wider range of levels than General or Academic English courses, and focus more on functional language, topic-based vocabulary, pronunciation and skills work (reading/ writing/ listening/ speaking).

Class type: Closed

Course	Course length	Minimum entry requirement
Business English	4 weeks	Upper Intermediate
Engineering Management	2 weeks	Intermediate
Academic Research	2 or 4 weeks	Intermediate
Internship Preparation	1 week	Intermediate

Timetable

Students are placed in either the Morning Session or Afternoon Session depending on their level of English. All students receive 20 hours of tuition per week.

MORNING SESSION: INTERMEDIATE, UPPER INTERMEDIATE & ADVANCED (8.15am-12.30pm)				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
CLASS 8.15-10.15am	CLASS 8.15-10.15am	CLASS 8.15-10.15am	CLASS 8.15-10.15am	CLASS 8.15-10.15am
Break				
ELECTIVE 10.30am-12.30pm	ELECTIVE 10.30am-12.30pm	ELECTIVE 10.30am-12.30pm	ELECTIVE 10.30am-12.30pm	ELECTIVE 10.30am-12.30pm
AFTERNOON SESSION: ELEMENTARY & PRE-INTERMEDIATE (1-5.15pm)				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
CLASS 1-3pm	CLASS 1-3pm	CLASS 1-3pm	CLASS 1-3pm	CLASS 1-3pm
Break				
CLASS 3.15-5.15pm	CLASS 3.15-5.15pm	CLASS 3.15-5.15pm	CLASS 3.15-5.15pm	CLASS 3.15-5.15pm

Electives are available at the following levels:

- Elementary/Pre-Intermediate: Communication Skills
- Intermediate: Communication Skills and IELTS Preparation
- Upper Intermediate/Advanced: Communication Skills, IELTS and Business English

Experience and enjoy New Zealand



Group activities

Optional weekend and after-class activities can be packaged with a group course. All activities include an ELA chaperone, transportation, and meals where necessary.

Examples include:

- Auckland Museum with Māori cultural experience
- Hobbiton movie set tour
- Whale & dolphin watching
- Beach horse riding and cultural activities
- Ski and snow trip to Mt Ruapehu
- Kayaking on Waiheke Island
- Farewell meal
- Customised trip

ELA weekly activities

All ELA students are encouraged to join the weekly social activities and special events, organised by the ELA Activities Coordinator. These can include movie nights, day trips to a west coast beach, BBQs, football games, zoo trips, indoor rock climbing, horse riding and even bungee jumping.

To see some examples of our exciting student activities, check out our Facebook page:
www.facebook.com/uoaela.

Facilities and student services



Academic and pastoral support

Students can always make an appointment to meet a senior teacher to talk about their study and academic progress. Our senior teachers are highly qualified English language professionals with postgraduate teaching qualifications and will be happy to support students' study goals. Our Student Services team can help students with any pastoral issues they may face while studying at the ELA. Group students can receive further support from dedicated staff members – the Groups Coordinator and the Groups Assistant – who are engaged with students from the first-day orientation to departure.

Computers

Free wireless internet is available at the ELA and computers are available for students to use.

Study Centre

Our Study Centre is open 6 days a week and provides a place for students to study, get advice on resources and materials, and practice their English. The Study Centre is staffed on weekdays by the Study Centre Coordinator, who is experienced in helping students with their study goals. Students will have access to language learning resources and materials including; IELTS textbooks and practice tests, graded readers, DVDs (with English subtitles), reference books, English language audio and video files, and practice lectures.

Student Lounge

We have a large Student Lounge where students can relax, eat lunch, play board games or prepare a group project. This lounge is equipped with tea, coffee, snack machines and microwaves.



Accommodation

Homestay

For students studying at the ELA, homestay accommodation is a great way to learn about New Zealand culture and to practice their English in a friendly and relaxed environment. In a homestay, students live with a family and have their own room. Breakfast and dinner are provided Monday to Friday, and breakfast, lunch and dinner at weekends. Most homestays are within 30-45 minutes from the ELA by public transport.

Apartments and University accommodation

If homestay is not suitable, we have fully furnished apartments or a range of university accommodation available in the city centre. Detailed information is available upon request, and these options are subject to availability at certain times of the year.





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How to apply

If you would like to discuss opportunities for your students, please contact us. We can provide a full proposal and quotation upon request. Once you accept a proposal, we will be able to save the requested number of student spaces for you and send out detailed information about the placement tests and group enrolments.

Fees

FEES 2020 (NZD)			
General English		Closed Course	
Tuition rate per week, 3-11 weeks	\$465	Tuition rate per week	\$570
Tuition rate per week, 12+ weeks	\$450		
Group registration fee	\$335	Shared apartment per week (from)	\$245
Resource fee	\$80	Accommodation placement fee	\$250
Insurance per month	\$65	Airport transfer (one-way)	\$120
Homestay accommodation per week	\$305	Airport transfer (return)	\$230
IELTS test fee	\$385	PTE Academic test fee	\$385

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