



Waipapa
Taumata Rau
**University
of Auckland**

Waseda University Study Abroad 2026

Waseda Customized Study Programmes

Language Focused Programs for a semester
programme (CS-L(1S))

at University of Auckland English Language Academy

21-week General English + Academic English

07 April – 28 August 2026

Aotearoa New Zealand

Aotearoa 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, Aotearoa New Zealand has two 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 5 million people, making it one of the least crowded countries in the world.

Largest City:

Auckland (population 1.70 million)

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

Capital:

Wellington

Climate:

Aotearoa 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).



Auckland



Auckland is New Zealand's largest city, known for its stunning harbours, vibrant multicultural atmosphere, and beautiful blend of urban life and natural landscapes.

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 cafes, restaurants and bars, excellent theatres, galleries and museums, great shopping and colourful Pacific and Asian cultural influences.



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

Quick facts

- Established: 1883
- Ranking: 65th in the world (QS2026)
- Students: approximately 40,000
- International Students: 7,000

Faculties:

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

¹QS World University Rankings 2026

²QS Graduate Employability Rankings 2025

Welcome to ELA



The University of Auckland's English Language Academy (ELA) is located on the university's city campus in Auckland. ELA provides a wide range of high-quality English language courses for international students. Courses include direct-entry pathway programmes for students who are interested in pursuing undergraduate and postgraduate degrees at University of Auckland, as well as specialist English language teacher training courses and general English courses. ELA is an accredited IELTS and PTE Academic test centre, as well as a Cambridge TKT and CELTA training centre. ELA has agreed to observe and be bound by the New Zealand Government's Code of Practice for the Care of International Students.



Paul O'Farrell
Director of ELA

For more than two decades, the University of Auckland's English Language Academy (ELA) has been privileged to share a close and enduring partnership with Waseda University. Over the years, we've had the pleasure of welcoming nearly 300 Waseda students to Aotearoa New Zealand.

During their time with us, students not only strengthen their English language skills and grow in confidence, but also immerse themselves in the rich culture and stunning natural landscapes of Aotearoa. Many form lifelong friendships and return home with treasured memories and fresh perspectives.

We deeply value our relationship with Waseda University. This collaboration is a testament to our shared dedication to academic excellence, cross-cultural understanding, and the wellbeing of our students. At the University of Auckland, we take pride in offering a safe, supportive, and inspiring environment where students can truly thrive.

Whether you are a student, a parent, or a member of the university community, we warmly invite you to explore this unique and rewarding opportunity.

Programme Overview & Essential information

Join our twenty-one weeks General English and Academic English programme, designed especially for Waseda university students. Students will study 11-week of General English course and 10-week of Academic English course at the University of Auckland English Language Academy (ELA). Waseda University students can further practice English speaking skills and experience culture and living in New Zealand in homestay accommodation. Students can take advantage of the beautiful New Zealand Autumn/Winter and explore the city.

Entry Requirements:

IELTS 4.0, TOEFL iBT 30, or an equivalent.

English is required for participation in this integrated course.

- ❖ Required student level on departure: 18 years old or above
- ❖ Nationality limitations (if any): N/A
- ❖ GPA requirement: N/A

Programme Dates:

7th April* – 28th August 2026 (21 weeks)

Programme Structure

Programme	Duration	Start	End	Notes
General English	11 weeks	7/04/2026*	19/06/2026	Public Holiday: 6 April 2026(Easter Monday), 27 April 2026(ANZAC Day Observance); 1 June 2026 (King's Birthday)
Academic English (Block 3)	10 weeks	22/06/2026	28/08/2026	Public Holiday: 10 July 2026(Matariki)

*Please note: Monday, 6th April 2026 is a public holiday (Easter Monday), so the course will commence on Tuesday, 7th April. However, the offer letter and other documents states a start date of Monday, 6th April, as the official start date must be recorded as a Monday.



Programme Schedule

Week	Day	Schedule
1	Monday (6 th April 2026)	Arrive in Auckland and transfer directly to Homestay accommodation by private coach arranged by ELA
	Tuesday (7 th April 2026)	Orientation
	Wednesday – Friday	General English (Morning or Afternoon Session)
2-11	Monday – Friday	General English continued (Morning or Afternoon Session)
12-20	Monday(22 nd June 2026) – Friday	Academic English (Morning or Afternoon Session)
21	Monday – Thursday	Academic English continued (Morning or Afternoon Session)
	Friday (28 th August 2026)	Graduation – Course end
	Saturday (29 th August 2026)	Move out from the homestay / Return to Japan

Costs:

Estimated costs: NZD22,510*

Includes:

Tuition fee for one semester Registration fee and Resources fees

Homestay Accommodation placement fee

20 weeks +5 nights of Homestay accommodation fee

One-way airport transfer service fee (Arrival)

Insurance fee for the study period

Estimated Room & Board:

Homestay (includes 2 meals a day during the week and 3 meals at the weekend): NZD 1624 per month

*Please note: 2026 fees are subject to change.

General English Course

General English will help students to improve their ability to communicate in English in social and work situations. 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 (Elementary, Pre-Intermediate, Intermediate, Upper Intermediate or Advanced) 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. Students at Intermediate level and above choose their elective classes upon arrival at the ELA for General English course. Please note that the elective classes are dependent on the level and student demand.

The elective classes include:

- The English for IELTS elective focuses on language development, with competence in the four key IELTS test areas (writing, speaking, listening, and reading) developed during the course. This elective also builds awareness of the IELTS test format and provides practical exam skills and strategies.
 - The Business English elective teaches a range of business communication skills, with a focus on practical language. Every few weeks the Business English class will take part in a project involving real-life business skills such as advertising, marketing, presenting, selling a product and writing a report.
 - The Communication Skills elective focuses on developing functional listening, speaking and writing skills, covering the themes 'Social and Travel' and 'Work and Study'. There are often projects connected to the themes and language from the course books.
- Class type: Integrated
 - Course length: 11 weeks
 - Class hours: 20 hours per week (4 hours every day from Monday to Friday except public holidays)
 - Entry Requirements: Elementary (CEFR level A1, IELTS 3.5 or TOEFL iBT 20)



Academic English Course

This 10-week intensive Academic English course will help students improve students' English language skills to prepare for study success at university. This course provides students with opportunities to develop independent learning strategies and address individual needs in listening, speaking, reading and writing. Students develop the language and academic skills to help them progress to the next level of English, move to one of our pathway programmes, or transition to destination programmes. The participants may be tested to ensure that they are placed at the correct level of study prior to beginning the course in Auckland.

If you wish to improve your IELTS band scores, you may choose:

- Academic English (session 1) + IELTS (session 2)
- Take an IELTS test upon completion of the course at ELA's official IELTS Test Centre.

If you wish to improve your English for future tertiary studies in English Speaking Country, you may choose:

- Academic English (session 1) + university preparation skills (session 2)

Levels

The Academic English course has three levels of classes.

Academic English level	CEFRlevel
EAP 3	CEFRlevel B2+
EAP 2	CEFRlevel B2
EAP 1	CEFRlevel B1+

- Class type: Integrated
- Course length: 10 week
- Class hours: Total 200 hours (20 hours per week); Plus optional workshops available and self-study(2-3 hours every day)
- Entry Requirements: IELTS 4.0, TOEFL iBT 30, or an equivalent. English is required for participation in this course.



Class timetable

All students receive 20 hours of tuition per week for both General English and Academic English courses, which is made up of two hours of core classes and two hours of elective classes per day (Total 4 hour daily).

Students will be placed in either the Morning Session (8.15 – 10.15am & 10.30 – 12.30pm (20 hours)) or Afternoon Session (1 – 3pm & 3.15 – 5.15pm (20 hours)) depending on their level of English. Please note some students in the group may have classes in the morning and some students may be in the afternoon, and session placement is subject to change based on study courses and academic block schedules.

Students will receive their General English class timetable on their first day at ELA, and they will receive their Academic English class timetable prior to begins the Academic English course.

Sample timetable

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Morning Session 8:15-12:30				
	Class 1	8:15-10:15		
	Class 2	10:30-12:30		
Afternoon Session 13:00-17:15				
	Class 1	13:00-15:00		
	Class 2	15:15-17:15		



Student life

- Student Support -

ELA Facilities and Student Services

- Academic and pastoral support
- 24/7 hours emergency phone
- Homestay arrangement
- Airport transfer
- Study Centre
- Student Lounge
- Wi-Fi

Pastoral Care of Students

The University of Auckland English Language Academy has agreed to observe and be bound by the Code of Practice for the Pastoral Care of International Students. Copies of the Code are available from the NZQA website at www.nzqa.govt.nz. A team of pastoral support staff are available to help and provide assistance for all students studying at the ELA.

Learning Support – ELA Study Centre

ELA's Study Centre offers various opportunities for students to improve their English skills. This is the central hub for students to access a range of interactive and engaging activities both inside and outside the school. Students can practice their English conversation with Meet2Chat sessions, led by University of Auckland volunteers twice a week. They can also attend workshops on a variety of topics such as employment skills, academic language skills, spoken communication skills. These are run three times a week by experienced facilitators and are adapted to suit the needs and goals of students.



Student life

- ELA Activities -

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ELA Extra Curricula Activities

Our students can join a range of free activities including our most popular Meet2Chat! This is a special activity where students can have conversations with English speakers from the University of Auckland. Our students take part in quizzes, short presentations and have many other fun opportunities to practice speaking and listening. ELA students can also book one-on-one tutorials with our teachers and during the tutorials they can get tips and advice on how to develop their English skills.

ELA Social Activities and Special Events

Students can participate in a wide range of activities organised by the Student Services team. The activities are weather dependent and vary by time of year but can include the University of Auckland campus tour, Auckland art gallery, Auckland Memorial War museum, Auckland Domain Wintergarden, Mission Bay, Mt Eden walk, Devonport, One Tree Hill, movies and beach trips. Information is provided to students during the Orientation Programme and on the ELA social activities noticeboard. An additional cost applies to most activities.

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



Homestay



ELA Homestay

Homestay accommodation is a great way to learn about Aotearoa New Zealand culture and to practise your English in a friendly and relaxed environment when the students are enrolled in ELA. Families are selected on the basis of providing such support and are experienced in caring for students from many different cultures. In a homestay you live with a family, have your own room, and 2 meals (Breakfast & Dinner) on weekdays and 3 meals on weekends are provided. Most homestays are within 70 minutes from the ELA by public transport (Bus fare \$4 - 7 per way).

The main criteria for homestay placements include:

- The family is English-speaking.
- The family is able to provide a well-furnished single room for the student.
- Dietary requirements of the student are taken into account.

NOTE:

Some of our families host more than one international student, including those from your country who may be from the same group. This allows the students the chance to share their home with another student, while ensuring each student has their own private room.

Living Cost

Generally you should allow approximately NZ\$700 - \$1,000 per week for living costs, including accommodation, food and transport.

Homestay	
Homestay accommodation	NZ\$406
Food	NZ\$85
Transport (2-3 Zones)	NZ\$50
Entertainment	NZ\$150 - NZ\$200

Note: Costs are listed in New Zealand Dollars (NZD) and are approximate fares for 2025. Please be aware that transport fares are subject to change, depending on changes in circumstances or transport policies.

Student Story & Further information



Student Story



Airi Akiyama
Waseda Student

Airi, a motivated student from Waseda University in Japan, joined ELA to prepare for her future academic studies — and left with not only improved English skills but also unforgettable memories and international friendships.

She began her ELA experience in the General English course, where she built up her confidence in everyday communication through interactive lessons and fun activities. Later, she progressed to the Academic English course, designed specifically for university study, so students will focus on academic reading, writing, presentation and listening to lectures.

Outside the classroom, Airi fully embraced the ELA student life — participating in hikes, campus tours, and events like Meet2Chat, where she practiced English in a relaxed, social setting with local university student volunteers.

“Though you might encounter several challenges as you study abroad, I’m sure you can get over them with great support from this school. I hope you make amazing memories here at ELA.”

Student Visa

Students enrolling in this programme must enter New Zealand with a valid visa that covers the entire duration of their studies. For detailed information, please visit the Immigration New Zealand website: www.immigration.govt.nz.

Visa requirements may vary depending on individual circumstances and country of origin. Once you receive an Offer of Place and other necessary documents from the University of Auckland English Language Academy, it is essential to apply online for the appropriate visa (Fee-paying Student visa) as soon as possible.

Useful website

The University of Auckland general: www.auckland.ac.nz

English Language Academy: www.ela.auckland.ac.nz

Auckland International student: www.auckland.ac.nz/en/study/international-students.html

New Zealand Tourism: www.newzealand.com

DISCOVER AUCKLAND: www.aucklandnz.com

HEART OF THE CITY AUCKLAND: <https://heartofthecity>



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