



PREPARE FOR OTAGO

A free course for new exchange students focusing on study, language and cultural skills

Application form

Family Name:

Given names:

Preferred Name:

Date of Birth:

Gender:

 Male Female

Email address:

(please print clearly)

Home University:

Home Country:

Course Dates:

to be held in early February *(applicants will be advised of exact dates once they have applied)*

I hereby confirm that:

- I have been nominated by my home university and I have been accepted to attend the University of Otago as an exchange student.
- I understand that it is my responsibility to arrange my own accommodation for this period.
- I understand that places in this course are limited and that I will receive an email to confirm my acceptance to attend PREPARE FOR OTAGO.

Signature:

Date:

Please return this application form by 30 November :

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The University of Otago offers new student exchange students a free course in February each year focusing on study, language and cultural skills.

PREPARE FOR OTAGO is designed to be an extended orientation course.

It will focus on the elements of Academic English students will need while studying at the University of Otago, and there will be a strong emphasis on language practice.

This course will also offer students the chance to familiarise themselves with the New Zealand accent and some aspects of New Zealand academic culture before lectures start.

Course Objectives

By the end of the course you will have practised the following skills:

Listening

- Listening to and comprehend native speakers presenting information about the University of Otago
- Recognising the way a lecture is structured, including 'signpost' words, paraphrasing, recapitulation
- Taking notes from a lecture
- Intensive listening to authentic material

Speaking

- Making introductions
- Giving opinions and discussing opposing opinions
- Giving a formal oral presentation
- Interacting informally with peers

Research

- Avoiding plagiarism
- Compiling references/bibliographies
- Become familiar with resources of University of Otago Central Library

Reading

- Predicting/scanning/skimming texts
- Reading speed

Writing

- Structuring – Introduction, Body, Conclusion
- Text type (comparison/contrast)
- Referencing

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