

BOSTON COLLEGE

# New Zealand



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## DUNEDIN

Established in 1848 by Scottish immigrants, Dunedin is a true “college town.” The second largest city on New Zealand’s South Island, Dunedin is a friendly, sophisticated, and welcoming community with a diverse population of about 125,000. The city is located on the Otago Peninsula, a region known for its culture, history, and abundant wildlife, including the Royal Albatross, harbor seals, and rare penguins.

### The Program

[www.otago.ac.nz](http://www.otago.ac.nz)

Located in the center of Dunedin, the University of Otago is New Zealand’s oldest university and its leading research institution. Otago allows study abroad students to select their “papers” (courses) from a broad range of subjects in the areas of business, humanities, the sciences, social sciences, film studies, theology, and Pacific studies. Students may have an opportunity to pursue special research interests related to wildlife, marine subjects, or geology. BC students are fully integrated into University of Otago life and apply to live in furnished university apartments with New Zealand students.

### Program Highlights

- Field trips often integrated into science and environmental studies courses
- Many courses focus on the culture, history, and languages of the Maori and Polynesian people
- Guaranteed membership in the Otago University Students’ Association, which organizes an orientation program, social and sporting events, radio station, and newspaper
- British-style system of lectures and small group tutorials provides a low faculty:student ratio

## Welcome to New Zealand

New Zealand, or Aotearoa, is composed primarily of two main islands—North Island and South Island—which vary greatly from one another. Located approximately 900 miles east of Australia and a long distance from other lands, New Zealand has its own unique flora and fauna. Originally settled by the Maori people over 1000 years ago, the country also became inhabited by Europeans starting in 1640. Although the majority of New Zealanders today are of European descent, the Maoris have a strong influence on the culture. Sports such as rugby and cricket play an important role in Kiwi culture, and various other outdoor activities are popular in New Zealand’s pristine and naturally beautiful environment.

Boston College students wishing to spend a semester or year in New Zealand can study at the University of Otago, located in the city of Dunedin. The University offers full integration, allowing BC students to study alongside their New Zealand counterparts.



Maori architecture

For more detailed information about this BC study abroad program in New Zealand, please visit the OIP web site at [www.bc.edu/international](http://www.bc.edu/international).

### PROGRAM KEY



FALL



SPRING



FULL YEAR