

Admission to Victoria University

Victoria's admission requirements involve a ranking system for new undergraduate students. Most applicants will be accepted into a programme—our system just means that if we have too many applicants we are able to decide who is accepted, based on academic achievement to date.

To be **automatically accepted** at Victoria you will need to:

- achieve University Entrance
- achieve the Guaranteed Entry Score (GES) for your degree
- fulfil any degree-specific requirements
- apply by the due date.

The **rank score for NCEA is calculated** as follows:

- Based on 80 best credits in all approved subjects at Level 3
- Approved subjects at Level 3 consist of Achievement Standards only
- If fewer than 80 credits, the rank score is based on what you have
- A maximum of 24 credits in each subject may be counted

Rank scores for NCEA are worked out by giving points values to credits achieved as follows:

- For every Excellence credit—4 points
- For every Merit credit—3 points
- For every Achieved credit—2 points

Approved subject (best 24 credits per subject)	Excellence credits (x4)	Merit credits (x3)	Achieved credits (x2)	Total	
English	8	6	6	20	
History		6	10	16	
Statistics	4	4	16	24	
Geography		10	10	20	
Samoan			24	24	
Subtotals	12	26	66	104	Rank Score
Best 80 credits	12	26	42	80	
Calculate score	(x4) 48	(x3) 78	(x2) 84	210	

- + Not all achieved credits will count as only 80 credits can count towards the score.
- + Taking achievement standards in University Entrance approved subjects will help build a higher rank score.
- + A higher rank score will mean that you are better prepared for university study.
- + If you do not achieve the rank score, you will be waitlisted and admitted where places are available.
- + Māori and Pasifika students who achieve UE but not the GES will be admitted with certain conditions.

Admission requirements vary from year to year and are set in about June of each year for the following year. Up-to-date details about admission to Victoria, including information about using qualifications other than NCEA, can be found in *Your Introduction to Victoria* or *Guide to Undergraduate Study* or at www.victoria.ac.nz

We encourage students to apply by 10 December for study in the following year.

For advice and information about NCEA, University Entrance and admission to Victoria University—please contact the Student Recruitment, Admission and Orientation team:

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You can make an appointment to come in and talk with one of our liaison officers about admission to Victoria and other information to get you started at Victoria.



A guide to NCEA, University Entrance and Admission to Victoria University

NCEA—National Certificate of Educational Achievement

NCEA is the main secondary school qualification in New Zealand. Students study it in years 11–13. There are three certificates of achievement—Level 1, Level 2 and Level 3. Students usually do Level 1 in Year 11, Level 2 in Year 12 and Level 3 in Year 13, but students can work over several levels in the same year.

NCEA is registered on the New Zealand Qualifications Framework (NZQF). NCEA is made up of blocks of work called 'standards'

Achievement Standards (AS) and Unit Standards (US)

ACHIEVEMENT STANDARDS (AS)	UNIT STANDARDS (US)
→ Offer both internal and external assessments (exams or portfolios)	→ Internally assessed only
→ Achievement Standards can be awarded with Achieved, Merit or Excellence (or Not Achieved).	→ Many Unit Standards are awarded as Achieved (or Not Achieved) only.
→ Achievement Standards are all numbered in the 91000s.	

Each standard (block of work) is worth a particular number of credits. Each subject has approximately 18–24 credits in a year's work. Students generally take five or six subjects each year—about 120 credits.

An example of a Level 2 English programme:

Standard	English Level 2	Internally or externally assessed	Credits
(AS) 91098	Analyse specific aspects of studied written text(s) ...	External	4
(AS) 91100	Analyse significant aspects of unfamiliar written text(s) through close reading ...	External	4
(AS) 91106	Form developed personal responses to independently read texts, supported by evidence	Internal	4
(AS) 91102	Construct and deliver a crafted and controlled oral text	Internal	3
(AS) 91101	Produce a selection of crafted and controlled writing	Internal	6
(AS) 91099	Analyse specific aspects of studied visual or oral texts ...	External	4

+ Schools can offer various English programmes—with different combinations of standards, both Unit and Achievement Standards.

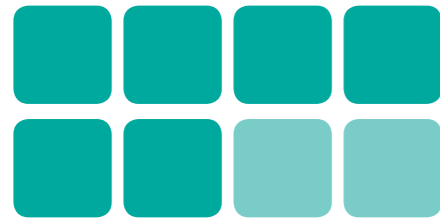
+ Talk to your school to find out which standards are taught in your subjects.

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NCEA requirements



LEVEL 3
60 Credits at Level 3 or above
20 Credits at Level 2 or above
 (Level 1 literacy and numeracy requirements must also have been met.)
TOTAL = 80 Credits



LEVEL 2
60 Credits at Level 2 or above
20 Credits from anywhere on the NZQF
 (Level 1 literacy and numeracy requirements must also have been met.)
TOTAL = 80 Credits



LEVEL 1
80 Credits at Level 1 or above
 (including **10** Literacy credits and **10** Numeracy credits)
TOTAL = 80 Credits

= 10 credits.

+ Any subjects can count towards the NCEA requirements.

+ Credits towards a certificate can be accumulated over more than one year.

NCEA endorsements

NCEA can be awarded with a Merit or Excellence endorsement at each of the three certificate levels.

For the certificate to be endorsed, you need a specified number of Merit or Excellence credits at that level:

→ 50 Merit or Excellence credits for a Merit certificate endorsement.

→ 50 Excellence credits for an Excellence certificate endorsement.

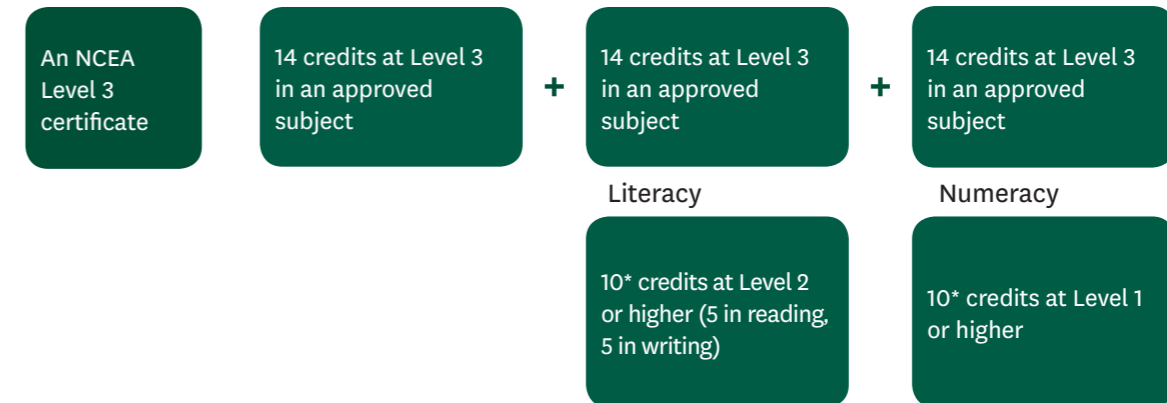
→ Schools are now also offering course (subject) endorsements.

→ If you wish to achieve a certificate endorsement you should concentrate on Achievement Standards.
 See page 1.

→ Victoria University's scholarships are awarded based on Merit or Excellence endorsements at Level 2 and 3.

University Entrance (UE)

University Entrance (UE) is required for you to study at a New Zealand university. It is a separate award, based on your NCEA studies. The UE requirements are:



* From specified lists of standards, see www.nzqa.govt.nz

NCEA APPROVED SUBJECTS FOR ENTRANCE TO UNIVERSITY	Accounting	Design (Practical Art)	History	Physics
Agriculture and Horticulture	Design and Visual Communication	History of Art	Printmaking (Practical Art)	
Biology	Digital Technologies	Home Economics	Processing Technologies	
Business Studies	Drama	Indonesian	Religious Studies	
Calculus	Earth and Space Science	Japanese	Samoan	
Chemistry	Economics	Korean	Science	
Chinese	Education for Sustainability	Latin	Sculpture (Practical Art)	
Classical Studies	English	Mathematics	Social Studies	
Construction and Mechanical Technologies	French	Media Studies	Spanish	
Cook Islands Māori	Geography	Music Studies	Statistics	
Dance	German	Painting (Practical Art)	Te Reo Māori	
	Health Education	Photography (Practical Art)	Te Reo Rangatira	
		Physical Education	Technology	

For details, see www.nzqa.govt.nz/ue

→ All approved subjects consist of Achievement Standards.

→ If you are planning on coming to university, you are encouraged to take four or five UE approved subjects.

→ You are encouraged to sit your externals as these give practice in sitting exams. This is very important preparation for study at university.

→ Once you have met the requirements for University Entrance this will appear on your Record of Achievement.