



OTAGO
POLYTECHNIC
Te Kura Matatini ki Otago

Your guide to ESOL and Foundation Studies

Pathways, entry options and experiences

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Study Pathways:

Find your way. We can help.



Study English and Start on Your Path to Academic Study

If you're a student who requires English language or Certificate studies prior to gaining entry to one of our academic programmes, Otago Polytechnic has a path to help get you there.

Why Study With Us?

- > **Our Flexibility**
Different start times throughout the year. Apply anytime.
- > **We Are Recognised**
Use your learning for further tertiary study.
- > **Be Supported**
Know you'll be taught by enthusiastic and caring teachers.

Our English Language Programmes provide students with individual support and assistance so they can learn English and gain entry into an academic programme of study. With an individualised approach to learning, you'll be able to achieve your academic and personal goals.

Our Levels of English Language Learning

- > **Pre-Intermediate English (Level 2):** For students with some English skills in reading, writing, speaking and listening.
- > **Intermediate English (Level 3):** For students who can use English in an everyday setting and would like to improve their skills for academic study.
- > **Advanced English (Level 4):** For students who can use English accurately in specialised areas, and are preparing for higher level academic study.
- > **English for Special Purposes (Level 5):** A high level of English language instruction for students intending to enter specific degree-level programmes, especially within our Health and Community areas of study.
- > **English Language Examination Preparation (IELTS):** For students who are preparing for their IELTS or English language examination. This course can be taken separately, or as part of the Advanced English programme.

English PLUS:

English PLUS is your chance to get ahead in your academic study, or just enjoy learning.

English PLUS allows you to combine your English Language Studies with courses from these academic areas: Sport, Adventure, Creative Studies, Business, Hospitality, Engineering and Information Technology. Even if you study for only a short time, you can improve your English and learn new skills.

Key Facts about English PLUS:

- > **Enter after completing an English language programme** at Levels 4 to 5 or with an IELTS (or equivalent) overall band score of 5.5.
- > **Gain Academic Credits**
- > **Enjoy Supported Learning**
- > **Great Experience** even for a short-time, students can improve their English language abilities and learn new skills.

English for Groups:

Specially designed to provide groups of students with a unique programme combining courses in English language with special focus areas such as environmental studies, business or media studies. These study programmes can be combined with tourism activities in and around Dunedin and New Zealand's stunning South Island.

Key Facts about English for Groups:

- > **Specially Designed** each experience is special and customised.
- > **Well-Organised** with a dedicated English for Groups Co-ordinator.
- > **A Certificate of Achievement** is presented to each participant, at a special closing ceremony.
- > **Welcoming Homestay Families** are specially selected and well-prepared to host and take care of international students.
- > **Timed to Suit** English for Groups could last anywhere from three weeks to one year.

You Should Also Know:

- > **Our Small Classes** mean one-on-one attention.
- > **No English Language Test** score is required for entry (for our ESOL programmes).
- > **Clear Pathways** into academic study. You can combine ESOL with specially selected academic courses (see English PLUS) and plan for progression into an Otago Polytechnic certificate, diploma or degree programme.
- > **Great Facilities: Your student ID card** gives you access to all of Otago Polytechnic's facilities, including the Robertson Library, the recreation centre (Unipol) and Maanaki (the Student Centre).

Your Pathway Starts Here Our English Language Study and Certificate Studies Programmes

FOUNDATION STUDIES (ESOL)	DESCRIPTION	DURATION	LOCATION	ENGLISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS	FEE (APPROX) NZD
ESOL (Levels 2-5)	Prepare for further academic study in English.	Varies/ flexible	Dunedin	Not required – students sit a placement test.	\$410 per week OR \$6,950 per semester
English PLUS - Sport - Adventure - Creative Studies - Business - Hospitality - Information Technology	Combine ESOL study with selected academic courses. Improve your English and experience New Zealand.	Varies	Dunedin	IELTS or equivalent overall band score of 5.5 or selected entry from our English Language Programmes at levels 4 - 5.	\$410 per week OR \$6,950 per semester
English Language Examination Preparation (IELTS)	Prepare for IELTS or English Language examinations.	Varies	Dunedin	Completion of the equivalent of ESOL Level 3 or 4.	\$410 per week OR \$6,950 per semester
English for Groups	Provides an organised group of students with the opportunity to learn English in a New Zealand setting.	Varies	Dunedin, Central Otago	Not required – each programme is designed to meet the groups' English language requirements.	\$410 per week OR \$6,950 per semester

Study Abroad

A customised semester or year-long programme of study for individuals or groups comprised of courses from selected diploma and degree programmes. These courses may cross-credit back to your home institution by special arrangement.

Certificate Studies

If you need to complete one year of tertiary study, or improve your academic skills before entering a degree programme our range of subject-specific certificates may be a good solution.

Our certificate-level pathway programmes include:

Certificate in Foundation Studies (ESOL)

A year-long English language-based study programme.

Certificate in Health (Level 4)

Prepare for study in Nursing, Midwifery, Occupational Therapy or Applied Science. Please see the Health and Community section for minimum entry criteria for health degrees.

Certificate in Human Services (Level 4)

Pathway to study in Social Services.

Certificate in Cookery (Level 3)

Pathway to study in Culinary Arts.

Certificate in Professional Restaurant, Bar and Wine (Level 4)

Pathway to study in Hospitality.

Certificate in Creative Studies

Pathway to study in Design, Art and Information Technology.

Certificate in Fashion Studies (Level 4)

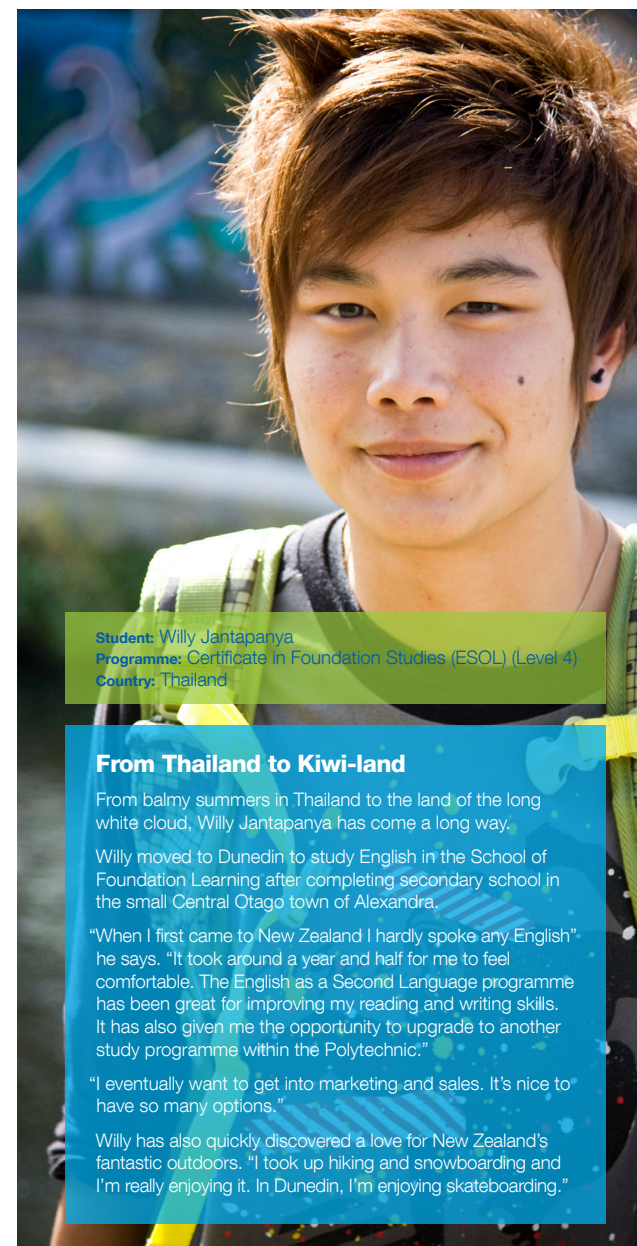
Pathway to study in Fashion Design.

Certificate in Information Technology (Level 4)

Pathway to study in Information Technology.

National Certificate in Horticulture (Level 4)

Pathway to study in Horticulture (diploma level).



Student: Willy Jantapanya
Programme: Certificate in Foundation Studies (ESOL) (Level 4)
Country: Thailand

From Thailand to Kiwi-land

From balmy summers in Thailand to the land of the long white cloud, Willy Jantapanya has come a long way.

Willy moved to Dunedin to study English in the School of Foundation Learning after completing secondary school in the small Central Otago town of Alexandra.

"When I first came to New Zealand I hardly spoke any English", he says. "It took around a year and half for me to feel comfortable. The English as a Second Language programme has been great for improving my reading and writing skills. It has also given me the opportunity to upgrade to another study programme within the Polytechnic."

"I eventually want to get into marketing and sales. It's nice to have so many options."

Willy has also quickly discovered a love for New Zealand's fantastic outdoors. "I took up hiking and snowboarding and I'm really enjoying it. In Dunedin, I'm enjoying skateboarding."



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