**2021 study programme for students considering tertiary study overseas**

Information for Year 13 Deans, Careers Advisors and Heads of Department:

Please follow up with senior students who want to apply for university study overseas. Before they get settled into study, they need to make sure they are in the right study programme for their pathway plans.

Contact NZQA [Internationalunit@nzqa.govt.nz](mailto:Internationalunit@nzqa.govt.nz) if you have any questions.

***Advice for senior students***

***considering study at an overseas tertiary organisation***

Although most jurisdictions recognise NCEA Level 3 with University Entrance, the country or educational institution may set additional entry requirements.

Check with teachers that your 2021 study programme gives you an opportunity to meet the overseas entry requirements that are relevant to your planned tertiary study.

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***Research the country’s minimum university entry requirements for NCEA***

See NZQA’s information on:

* [university entrance overseas](https://www.nzqa.govt.nz/studying-in-new-zealand/secondary-school-and-ncea/international-recognition-of-ncea/) for university entrance around the world
* [specific country requirements for the recognition of NCEA](https://www.nzqa.govt.nz/studying-in-new-zealand/secondary-school-and-ncea/international-recognition-of-ncea/specific-country-requirements). Read country information carefully, including links to relevant related information.

Check entry requirements for your university of choice

***Know the number of credits you’ll need:***

For example, you need:

* + at least 90 Level 3 credits for Australia’s [ATAR](https://www.nzqa.govt.nz/qualifications-standards/awards/university-entrance/entrance-to-overseas-tertiary-courses/entrance-to-australian-universities/) and Germany’s [Abitur](https://www.nzqa.govt.nz/studying-in-new-zealand/secondary-school-and-ncea/international-recognition-of-ncea/specific-country-requirements/german-recognition-requirements/)
  + at least 90 Level 3 credits in the year for an [NZQA calculated Grade Point Average (GPA).](https://www.nzqa.govt.nz/qualifications-standards/results-2/ordering-result-documents/) Other counties and agencies may use other data to calculate a GPA
  + minimum 20 credits in prerequisite subjects for University Queensland undergraduate programmes, e.g. 20 Level 3 credits in English required for Bachelor of Arts

***Check subject requirements.***

For example

* [United States National College Athletics Association (NCAA) approved subjects](http://fs.ncaa.org/Docs/eligibility_center/International_Information/International_IE_Flyer.pdf) does not include “Sport” or ‘Physical Education”
* You need to do a full year’s study in a single subject to meet subject requirements.

Note that assessment standards (AS) making up school courses are reported on the New Zealand Record of Achievement (NZRoA) under subject domain. A school course such as “Global Studies” might be reported under History, Geography and Statistics, but they don’t have enough credits to represent a year’s study in any one of these three subjects.

Make sure they have checked that they are in the right subjects and have the opportunity to gain sufficient credits to meet any additional requirements set by the country or overseas university.

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