

Bachelor of Applied Science (Communication and Environment)

If you're passionate about the environment, a Bachelor of Applied Science in Communication and Environment will help you make a difference. This double major will give you the strategic understanding and communication skills needed to analyse and report on environmental issues in both the private and public sectors.

Qualification code OP701007

Level > 7

Credits > 400

Workload >

Allow 10-12 hours of study per credit. Your workload may be higher around assessment due dates

Study type >

Trimester

Cost >

See the qualification page on the website.

Student loan >

You can get a student loan for this qualification if you meet the criteria. Visit studylink.govt.nz for more information.

Career Opportunities

This qualification will prepare you for roles in resource management, policy analysis, planning, research management, corporate communication, consultancy, environmental education, auditing and advocacy.

How to apply

Go to the choose courses tab on the qualification page on our website. Select 72140 Business Communication and click add to my enrolment. You'll be taken through our step-by-step enrolment process, which you can save and exit from at any time. Check the qualification page on our website for course availability and prerequisites before applying to enrol.

Qualification structure

This double major includes 20 courses of 20 credits each.

Course Code	Course Name	Level
CORE GROUP – COMPLETE ALL COURSES FROM THIS GROUP		
72140	Business Communication	5
72142	Accessing Information	5
72160	Statistical Analysis	5
73213	Research Methods and Interpretation	6
72144	Professional and Technical Writing	5
72196	Introduction to New Zealand Ecology	5
72251	Intercultural Communication	6
72252	Interpersonal Communication	6
72365	Communication Management	7
72366	Global Communication	7
72392	Environmental Management Systems and Strategies	7
72395	Environment and the Economy	7
72396	Environmental Perspectives and the Media	7
GROUP ONE – CHOOSE ONE COURSE		
72253	Organisational Communication	6
72280	Plain English for Professional Purposes	6
GROUP TWO – CHOOSE AT LEAST THREE COURSES WITH AT LEAST TWO AT LEVEL 6 OR ABOVE		
72191	Global Environmental Studies	5
72194	Sustainability and New Zealand	5
72291	Coastal and Marine Management	6

72292	Resource Management Act and Local Government Act	6
72293	Conservation and Natural Resources Law	6
72294	Environmental Monitoring and Reporting	6
72296	Environmental Impact Assessment	6
Students are required to successfully complete a further 40 credits from any Level 5, 6 or 7 Open Polytechnic programme, or other recognised degree-level programme subject to the Programme Leader's approval. WE RECOMMEND THESE ELECTIVES		
72141	Academic Writing	5
72180	Introduction to Public Relations	5
72182	Writing for Web	5
73329	Research Methods and Analysis	7

What you will learn

When you achieve this qualification you will be able to:

- Analyse and use information logically
- Write concisely and clearly
- Communicate effectively at personal, group and organisational levels
- Analyse, address and offer practical solutions to complex communication issues
- Understand organisational dynamics
- Recognise and analyse the causes of environmental problems facing New Zealand and the global community
- Apply environmental principles and legislation to practical situations involving the protection and use of natural resources
- Use policy and management approaches to resolve environmental problems
- Identify and implement effective actions to achieve sustainable environmental outcomes

Entry requirements

To enrol in this programme you need to have one of the following:

- New Zealand University Entrance ([visit nzqa.govt.nz](https://nzqa.govt.nz) for details), or
- Hold a New Zealand Certificate or diploma qualification considered appropriate by the Programme Leader, or equivalent.

20 years old or over

If you are 20 years of age or over and do not hold the minimum entry requirements you will be eligible to be enrolled where your previous educational, work or life experience indicates you have a reasonable likelihood of success.

English language requirements

International students must also have an IELTS (Academic) score of 6.0 with no band score lower than 5.5, or equivalent.

Domestic students for whom English or Māori is not their first language must also have an IELTS (Academic) score of 6.0 with no band score lower than 5.5, or equivalent.

Visit openpolytechnic.ac.nz/englishlanguage to view our English language criteria.

Computer and online access

This programme is delivered 100% online. To complete this programme you will need access to a laptop or desktop computer, reliable broadband internet connection and a data plan able to support online learning such as streaming of videos (including YouTube), downloading content, and writing and submitting online assessments. If you are unsure if your current computer or internet access allows you to complete your online learning with us, please contact us before applying to enrol.

Visit openpolytechnic.ac.nz/online to view our online learning and study tools.

International students and domestic students living overseas

You can study this programme part-time if you're an international student living in New Zealand or overseas. If you're living in New Zealand you will need to be in paid employment with a valid work permit.

You can also study this programme if you're a New Zealand citizen living overseas.

Visit openpolytechnic.ac.nz/internationalstudent for more information about the special conditions and fees that you'll need to meet.

Study pathways

We offer a range of certificates and diplomas in communication and psychology that you may be able to achieve on your way towards a Bachelor of Applied Science. Visit the relevant subject area on our website for more information.