

Bachelor of Applied Science

A Bachelor of Applied Science will open up a variety of career opportunities for you. This major is ideal if you would like to study a range of courses to suit your career goals. You can choose elective options from any Open Polytechnic qualification at Level 5 and above to help advance your career in diverse areas such as accounting, management, HR, marketing, teaching, and more. We also offer single majors in communication, environment, information and library studies, psychology or double majors in communication and environment, and communication and psychology.

Qualification code OP701001

Level > 7	Credits > 360
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 a range of careers in both the public and private sectors.

How to apply

Go to the **choose courses** tab on the qualification page on our website. If you're enrolling in this qualification for the first time select, 72140 Business Communication and click **add to enrolment plan**. You'll be taken through our step-by-step enrolment process, which you can save and exit from at any time.



Qualification structure

This programme is made up of courses to the value of 360 credits. We recommend that you contact our programme and student advisors before applying to enrol so that they can help you with a study plan for this major.

As a guide you'll need to complete:

- all core courses
- approximately 160 credits at Level 5
- 80 credits at Level 7
- a minimum of 120 credits from a sequential study programme (either a single major or an embedded diploma) which has been approved by the Head of School, including a minimum of 40 credits at Level 7.

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
14 ELECTIVE COURSES (280 CREDITS)		
Your elective courses can be selected from any Open Polytechnic qualification at Level 5 or above. A 60 credit course is the equivalent of three 20 credit courses.		

What you will learn

- how to identify and define problems and devise appropriate solutions
- communicate information, concepts and arguments clearly and effectively
- use a range of information technologies to store, organise, present, process and analyse information for a variety of purposes; and gather, process, interpret and present data.

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)
- 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 live in New Zealand you will need to be in paid employment with a valid work permit.

New Zealand citizens living overseas can also study this programme.

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