

NCEA GENERAL INFORMATION

This is New Zealand's national qualification. Subjects are divided into a number of Achievement Standards.

NCEA is offered at three years:

Year 11 – NCEA Level 1
 Year 12 – NCEA Level 2
 Year 13 – NCEA Level 3 and Level 4 Scholarship

Further details are available by visiting www.ncea.govt.nz

From 2019 onwards, there is no charge for sitting NCEA at any level.

SUBJECTS TAKEN PER LEVEL

NCEA Levels			
	Year 11 NCEA LEVEL 1	Year 12 NCEA LEVEL 2	Year 13 NCEA LEVEL 3
Compulsory Subjects	English Mathematics Science Theology & Philosophy	English Mathematics Theology & Philosophy	English Theology & Philosophy
Optional Subjects	THREE (3) other NCEA Level 1 subjects	THREE (3) other NCEA Level 2 subjects	FOUR (4) other NCEA Level 3 subjects

Notes:

- Each subject is divided into a number of Standards worth varying number of credits.

PASS Requirements

Year 11 NCEA LEVEL 1	Year 12 NCEA LEVEL 2	Year 13 NCEA LEVEL 3
<p>Passing Level 1 involves gaining a minimum of 60 credits</p> <p>Across the seven subjects in Year 11, SPC offers students the chance to obtain roughly 130 credits.</p>	<p>Passing Level 2 involves gaining 60 credits at Level 2 or above PLUS 20 credits from Level 1.</p> <p>Across the six subjects at Level 2, SPC offers students the chance to obtain roughly 120 credits.</p>	<p>Passing NCEA Level 3 involves gaining 60 credits at Level 3 PLUS 20 credits from Level 2 or above.</p> <p>Across the six subjects in Level 3, SPC offers students the chance to obtain roughly 120 credits.</p>
<p>Co-requisite Requirements (Numeracy & Literacy): Passing NCEA involves gaining 10 credits for Numeracy and 10 credits for Literacy (separate assessment for 5 credits Reading & 5 credits Writing).</p>		

NCEA LEVELS are a mix of **Internal Achievement Standards** which are taken during school time and **External Achievement Standards** which are taken in the exam season at the end of the academic year. **The object for every student should be to pass the standards at as high a level as possible, aiming for Merit and Excellence as their level of attainment.**

ENDORSEMENTS

At each Level, students require **50 Excellence Credits** to gain an **NCEA endorsed with Excellence**, and **50 Merit** or **Excellence Credits** to gain an **NCEA endorsed with Merit or Excellence**.

UNIVERSITY ENTRANCE

You will be qualified for entrance to New Zealand Universities if you have obtained:

1. **A FULL PASS AT NCEA LEVEL 3**
2. **APPROVED SUBJECTS** – 14 credits in each of three approved subjects at Level 3.
3. **Co-requisite Requirements (Numeracy & Literacy)**

NOTE: The University of Auckland have increased their own literacy requirements. To enter any university course at Auckland, students need to have 17 credits at NCEA English Level 2 or 3.

Universities set specific requirements, please refer to the **Careers Pathway Guide** on the website (under Academic, Academic Guides) for requirements.

If you have any questions, please contact:

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FACULTIES & THEIR SUBJECT OPTIONS - NCEA LEVELS OVERVIEW -

ACCOUNTING FACULTY			
SUBJECT	LEVEL 1 Entry Requirements	LEVEL 2 Entry Requirements	LEVEL 3 Entry Requirements
ACCOUNTING	Open Entry	10 Credits in Level 1 Accounting including externals	10 Credits in Level 2 Accounting including externals
ART FACULTY			
SUBJECT	LEVEL 1 Entry Requirements	LEVEL 2 Entry Requirements	LEVEL 3 Entry Requirements
ART: DIGITAL or PRACTICAL	Year 10 Art	NOT OFFERED	NOT OFFERED
DESIGN	NOT OFFERED	10 Credits in Level 1 Art	14 Credits in Level 2 Design + External Portfolio
PAINTING/ ILLUSTRATION	NOT OFFERED	10 Credits in Level 1 Art including external	14 Credits in Level 2 Design/ Painting + External Portfolio
PHOTOGRAPHY	NOT OFFERED	10 Credits in Level 1 Art Including external	14 Credits in Level 2 Design/ Photography + External Portfolio
COMMERCE FACULTY			
SUBJECT	LEVEL 1 Entry Requirements	LEVEL 2 Entry Requirements	LEVEL 3 Entry Requirements
BUSINESS STUDIES	NOT OFFERED	15 Credits in Level 1 Maths or English	14 Credits in Level 2 Business, Maths or English
ECONOMICS	Open Entry	10 Credits in Level 1 Economics, Maths or English	14 Credits in Level 2 Economics, Maths or English
ENGLISH FACULTY			
SUBJECT	LEVEL 1 Entry Requirements	LEVEL 2 Entry Requirements	LEVEL 3 Entry Requirements
ENGLISH	COMPULSORY	COMPULSORY	COMPULSORY
ENGLISH INTERNATIONAL	Placement Test	Placement Test	Intermediate English
MEDIA STUDIES	NOT OFFERED	15 Credits in Level 1 English	14 Credits in Level 2 English including external

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HUMANITIES FACULTY

SUBJECT	LEVEL 1 Entry Requirements	LEVEL 2 Entry Requirements	LEVEL 3 Entry Requirements
GEOGRAPHY	Open Entry	15 Credits in Level 1 Geography or English	14 Credits in Level 2 Geography or English
HISTORY	Open Entry	15 Credits in Level 1 History or English	14 Credits in Level 2 History or English

LANGUAGES FACULTY

SUBJECT	LEVEL 1 Entry Requirements	LEVEL 2 Entry Requirements	LEVEL 3 Entry Requirements
CHINESE	Year 10 Chinese	10 Credits in Level 1 Chinese	9 Credits in Level 2 Chinese/ IGCSE D grade
SPANISH	Year 10 Spanish	10 Credits in Level 1 Spanish	9 Credits in Level 2 Spanish including 1 external standard
TE REO MĀORI	Year 10 Māori	10 credits in Level 1 Te Reo Māori, or interview with Matua/Whaea	12 credits Level 2 Te Reo Māori or an entry test

MATHEMATICS FACULTY

SUBJECT	LEVEL 1 Entry Requirements	LEVEL 2 Entry Requirements	LEVEL 3 Entry Requirements
MATHEMATICS	COMPULSORY	COMPULSORY	NOT OFFERED
CALCULUS	NOT OFFERED	COMPULSORY: MATHEMATICS WITH CALCULUS OR MATHEMATICS WITH STATISTICS	16 Credits in Level 2 Mathematics with Calculus and a Merit grade in the Algebra external (91261)
STATISTICS	NOT OFFERED		12 credits in Level 2 Mathematics with Calculus or Level 2 Mathematics with Statistics

MUSIC FACULTY

SUBJECT	LEVEL 1 Entry Requirements	LEVEL 2 Entry Requirements	LEVEL 3 Entry Requirements
MUSIC	2-3 years of Music lessons on an instrument	3-4 years of Music lessons on an instrument. Ability to read Music.	14 Credits in Level 2 Music, an ability to read music and perform on an instrument equivalent to Grade 4

PHYSICAL EDUCATION (PE) FACULTY

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SUBJECT	LEVEL 1 Entry Requirements	LEVEL 2 Entry Requirements	LEVEL 3 Entry Requirements
PHYSICAL EDUCATION	Open Entry	15 Credits in Level 1 PE	14 Credits in Level 2 PE including 2.2 or 2.5

SCIENCE FACULTY

SUBJECT	LEVEL 1 Entry Requirements	LEVEL 2 Entry Requirements	LEVEL 3 Entry Requirements
SCIENCE	COMPULSORY	NOT OFFERED	NOT OFFERED
BIOLOGY	NOT OFFERED	10 Credits in Level 1 Science (including 5 external credits in Biology standard)	14 Credits in Level 2 Biology including at least one external
CHEMISTRY	NOT OFFERED	10 Credits in Level 1 Science (including 5 external credits in Chemistry standard)	14 Credits in Level 2 Chemistry
PHYSICS	NOT OFFERED	10 Credits in Level 1 Science (including 5 external credits in Physics standards)	14 Credits in Level 2 Physics including 2 external standards and Level 2 Maths externals 91261 or 91262

TECHNOLOGY FACULTY

SUBJECT	LEVEL 1 Entry Requirements	LEVEL 2 Entry Requirements	LEVEL 3 Entry Requirements
DVC	Year 10 DVC	15 Credits in Level 1 DVC	16 Credits in Level 2 DVC
HARD MATERIALS	FURNITURE: Year 10 Hard Materials Technology	CARPENTRY: 20 Credits in Level 1 Furniture	TRADES: 20 Credits in Level 2 Carpentry

THEOLOGY & PHILOSOPHY FACULTY

SUBJECT	LEVEL 1 Entry Requirements	LEVEL 2 Entry Requirements	LEVEL 3 Entry Requirements
Theology & Philosophy	COMPULSORY	COMPULSORY	COMPULSORY

NOTE: Entry into some subjects without prerequisites is still possible with Head of Faculty approval

For specific course costs, see Subject Guides.