About Auckland Institute of Studies

Category 1 is the highest accreditation the New Zealand government can give to an education provider which means you can be assured of the quality of programmes at AIS.

Established in 1990, AIS is one of New Zealand's leading independent degree-granting institutions offering a wide range of qualifications.

We are located in central Auckland and operate from the St Helens Campus in Mt Albert. Our flexible trimester system allows students to fast-track their studies and get a head start on their careers. We provide assistance to students on all employment issues during and after their studies – this includes supporting job search and internships with potential employers.

We ensure that a friendly nurturing environment balances and supports our rigorous and demanding academic programmes. Students at AIS experience expert personalised education – our knowledgeable and approachable teaching faculty value personal contact with students.

We give our students everything needed to succeed and ensure that studying at AIS is a uniquely rewarding experience.

What AIS offers:

- Great value
- Individual focus
- Employment assistance
- Internships
- Fast-track programmes
- Flexible entry dates
- Scholarships and excellence awards
- Cross-credits
- On-site accommodation
- Easy access to transport
- Ample on-site parking

Quality Education
Individual Focus
Supportive Environment
Real World Success

Our Programmes

Postgraduate
- Master of Business Administration
- Master of Information Technology
- Postgraduate Diploma in Business Administration
- Postgraduate Diploma in Information Technology
- Postgraduate Certificate in Business Administration (O/O)

Graduate
- Graduate Diploma in Business
- Graduate Diploma in Information Technology

Undergraduate
- Bachelor of Business
- Bachelor of Information Technology
- New Zealand Diploma in Hospitality Management (L5)
- New Zealand Diploma in Information Technology Technical Support (L5)
- Certificate of Proficiency

English Language
- General English - Beginner to Advanced
- New Zealand Certificate in English Language (Academic) (L4 & L5) (O/O)
- English classes for migrants
  - Prepaid English Language Tuition (PELT)

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Qualification	NZQA Level	Duration	2026 Intakes	Entry Requirements	Docs required	Work Options	Outcomes	Pathways	Immigration Benefits*	Fees (NZD)
New Zealand Diploma in Information Technology Technical Support	Level 5	1 year (3 trimesters)	2 Feb 25 May 14 Sep	• Hold 40 credits at NCEA level 2 or above, including at least 10 literacy credits and 10 numeracy credits or • Hold a New Zealand Diploma in Information Technology Essentials (Level 4) or • Hold a New Zealand Certificate in Computing (Level 4) or • Hold a New Zealand Certificate in Information Technology (Level 5) and • Have an English level equivalent to IELTS 5.5 (Academic) (with no band less than 5.0) / TOEFL iBT 46 (with a writing score of 14) / PTE academic score of 42 with no band lower than 36 / AIS Test of English Proficiency (TEP) 48/80 (with no band less than 11) (eligible students only)	Application form + passport copy + school final transcripts + English test results	25hrs per week on student visa + full-time during trimester breaks	Graduates of this diploma will acquire the skills and knowledge they need to work as a computer technician, help desk/technical support officer, entry-level network administrator, network engineer, or an application support analyst. You can also progress onto further IT qualifications such as a Bachelor's degree, Postgraduate Diploma or Master's study.	BIT PGDIT MIT	120 Advanced Standing Credits awarded towards the **Bachelor of Information Technology**	International: $24,360 Domestic: $6,800
Bachelor of Information Technology (BIT)	Level 7	3 years (9 trimesters)	2 Feb 25 May 14 Sep	• A minimum of 14 NCEA credits in each of 3 subjects at Level 3 including 9 credits in mathematics, and a minimum of 14 numeracy credits at Level 1 or higher, and a minimum of 8 literacy credits at Level 2 or higher; or • Successfully undertaken tertiary study, including mathematics at a level equivalent to 9 credits at Level 3; or • Successful completion of a Level 4 qualification in Computing; or • Equivalent overseas qualification; and • IELTS 6.0 academic (with no band less than 5.5) / TOEFL iBT 60 (with a writing score of 18) / PTOE academic score of 50 with no band lower than 42 / NZCEL (Academic) L4; and • 17 years or over	Application form + passport copy + school final transcripts + English test results	25hrs per week on student visa + full-time during trimester breaks + post-study work visa (duration of study in NZ)	IT positions such as software programmer, software developer, software analyst, software designer, web developer, web architect, enterprise web consultant, web service developer, web analyst, network engineer, network administrator, network support specialist, junior IT manager, IT manager and business analyst	PGDIT MIT	3 points	International: $24,360 **(per year/ 120 credits)** Domestic: $6,800 **(per year/ 120 credits)**
Graduate Diploma in Information Technology (GDIT)	Level 7	1 year (3 trimesters)	2 Feb 14 Sep	• Bachelor degree at least equivalent to New Zealand pass standard; and • IELTS 6.0 academic (with no band less than 5.5) / TOEFL iBT 60 (with a writing score of 18) / PTOE academic score of 50 with no band lower than 42 / NZCEL (Academic) L4 • Candidates without a Bachelor degree but with an appropriate mix of a lesser qualification and work experience may be approved for special admission by the Academic Board	Application form + passport copy + graduation transcripts + English test results	25hrs per week on student visa + full-time during trimester breaks	IT positions such as software programmer, software developer, software analyst, software designer, web developer, web architect, enterprise web consultant, web service developer, web analyst, network engineer, network administrator, network support specialist, junior IT manager, IT manager and business analyst	PGDIT MIT	30 Credits recognised in the **Postgraduate Diploma in Information Technology**	International: $27,405 Domestic: $7,650
Postgraduate Diploma in Information Technology (PGDIT)	Level 8	1 year (3 trimesters)	2 Feb 25 May 14 Sep	• IELTS 6.5 academic (with no band less than 6.0) / TOEFL iBT 79 (with a writing score of 21) / PToE academic score of 58 with no band lower than 50 / NZCEL L5; and • Bachelor degree or equivalent in Information Technology, Computer Science or related field of study; or • Graduate diploma or equivalent in information technology, computer science or related field of study	Application form + passport copy + graduation transcripts + English test results	25hrs per week on student visa + full-time during trimester breaks + post-study work visa (duration of study in NZ)	IT positions such as software programmer, software developer, software analyst, software designer, web developer, web architect, enterprise web consultant, web service developer, web analyst, network engineer, network administrator, network support specialist, junior IT manager, IT manager and business analyst	MIT	4 points	International: $28,320 Domestic: $8,840
Master of Information Technology (MIT)	Level 9	20 months (5 trimesters)	2 Feb 25 May 14 Sep	• IELTS 6.5 academic (with no band less than 6.0) / TOEFL iBT 79 (with a writing score of 21) / PToE academic score of 58 with no band lower than 50 / NZCEL L5; and • Bachelor degree, graduate diploma or postgraduate diploma or equivalent in information technology, computer science or related field of study	Application form + passport copy + graduation transcripts + English test results	25hrs per week on student visa + full-time during trimester breaks + 3 years post-study work visa	IT positions such as software programmer, software developer, software analyst, software designer, web developer, web architect, enterprise web consultant, web service developer, web analyst, network engineer, network administrator, network support specialist, junior IT manager, IT manager and business analyst		5 points + spouse open work visa + subsidised school education for children of spouse visa holder (not Student Visa holder)	International: $42,480 Domestic: $13,260

*Subject to Immigration New Zealand policy.

1. SPECIAL ADMISSION - Students who do not meet the entry criteria may apply for Special Admission and provide additional information on education, employment and life experience in support of their application.
2. Offering of programmes and courses is subject to minimum enrolment numbers.

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New Zealand Diploma in Information Technology Technical Support (Level 5)

Domestic Fees (NZD) $6,800
International Fees (NZD) $24,360
Level 5 · 120 Credits · 12 Months

Graduates of this diploma will acquire the skills and knowledge they need to work as a computer technician, help desk/technical support officer, entry-level network administrator, network engineer, or an application support analyst.

The NZDIT Technical Support is a one year programme (three trimesters) and no previous tertiary qualifications are necessary to pursue this programme. The diploma will allow you to progress onto further IT qualifications.

This qualification consists of **120 credits**. There are eight courses worth 15 credits each. Students will sit these courses over three trimesters.

Once you have completed the NZDIT Technical Support, you can move onto a Bachelor of Information Technology, followed by a Postgraduate Diploma or even Master's study if you wish. **Credit transfer to subsequent IT study is available.**

THE PROGRAMME OF STUDY INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING COURSES:

Eight Compulsory Courses

COMP510 Fundamentals of Information Systems and Technology
COMP511 Information Technology Professional Skills
COMP513 Fundamentals of Computer Programming
COMP514 Fundamentals of Computer Databases
COMP515 Fundamentals of Computer Networking
COMP516 Fundamentals of Network Security
COMP517 Hardware and Software Service Provisioning
COMP518 Information Technology Systems Maintenance and Service Management

Qualifications Pathway

- Bachelor of Information Technology
- Postgraduate Diploma in Information Technology
- Master of Information Technology

Bachelor of Information Technology

Domestic Fees (NZD) $20,400
$6,800 per year / 120 credits
International Fees (NZD) $73,080
$24,360 per year / 120 credits
Level 7 · 360 Credits · 36 Months

The Bachelor of Information Technology (BIT) prepares students to become IT professionals with a breadth of knowledge across a range of IT subdisciplines, and a depth of knowledge in one of three specialisations.

The **Networks and Security** specialisation equips students with skills in computer network engineering, server systems and network security. The **Information Systems** specialisation prepares students for the data-driven industry by equipping them with the analytical skills to develop and support organisations' IT and enterprise systems. These skills are applicable to the development and management of the software, hardware, and data that is vital to the operation of modern businesses.The **Software Development** specialisation equips students with the skills to analyse, design, develop, test and deploy business software solutions. Software development is taught using the Python, Java and C# languages, in the .NET and Android environments.

IT students at AIS will gain skills allowing them to lead and become strong participants in IT team projects. The programme comprises 23 courses, including:

Twelve Compulsory Courses

COMP510 Fundamentals of Information Systems and Technology
COMP511 Information Technology Professional Skills
COMP513 Fundamentals of Computer Programming
COMP514 Fundamentals of Computer Databases
COMP515 Fundamentals of Computer Networking
MATH501 Essentials of Mathematics and Statistics
COMP602 Computer System Testing
COMP609 Information Systems Security
COMP617 Requirements Modelling
COMP621 Operating Systems
COMP701 Information Technology Project Management
COMP720 Information Technology Project (completed over two trimesters) **OR**
COMP721 Intensive Information Technology Project (completed over one trimester)

Choose a Specialisation

OR **Networks and Security (For Year 1 in 2026)**

CONE618 Server Administration
CONE622 Intermediate Computer Networking
CONE623 Cloud Computing
CONE709 Network System Security
CONE710 Advanced Computer Networking
CONE711 Wireless Network Design

OR **Information Systems**

COMP601 Systems Analysis and Design
INFO620 Enterprise Resource Planning Systems
SOFT605 Object Oriented Programming
INFO712 Management Information Systems
INFO714 E-Business Strategies and M-Commerce
INFO716 Business Intelligence and Analytics

OR **Software Development**

COMP601 Systems Analysis and Design
SOFT605 Object Oriented Programming
SOFT606 Desktop Applications Development
SOFT703 Web Applications Development
SOFT704 Human-Computer Interaction
SOFT708 Mobile Applications Development

Choose 75 Credits of Elective Courses

5 elective courses, or 4 with **COMP723 Information Technology Internship** may be selected from Information Technology or Business programmes including those listed under the other I.T. specialisations. For a full list of available courses visit: ***www.ais.ac.nz/courses***

Students have the opportunity to gain **Real World Experience** by taking **COMP722 Information Technology Industry Practice** or **COMP723 Information Technology Internship** as one of their elective courses.

The inclusion of courses outside the Information Technology programme may be considered with the approval of the Head of School.
Not all courses for the BIT are offered every trimester and are subject to minimum enrolment numbers.

Graduate Diploma in Information Technology

Domestic Fees (NZD) $7,650
International Fees (NZD) $27,405
Level 7 · 135 Credits · 12 Months

The Graduate Diploma in Information Technology (GDIT) meets the needs of students who have either completed a bachelor's degree or similar qualification in a non-IT field and wish to develop their IT knowledge, or who hold a bachelor's degree in IT or similar qualification and wish to enhance their careers with further specialist studies in the field.

Students looking to gain work experience can take **COMP723 Information Technology Internship** in place of **COMP721 Intensive Information Technology Project**.

Choose a Specialist Topic

3 Specialist Topics are available

OR **Networks and Security (From 2027)**

COMP515 Fundamentals of Computer Networking
COMP617 Requirements Modelling
CONE618 Server Administration
CONE622 Intermediate Computer Networking
COMP701 Information Technology Project Management
CONE709 Network System Security
CONE710 Advanced Computer Networking
COMP721 Intensive Information Technology Project

OR **Information Systems**

COMP514 Fundamentals of Computer Databases
COMP601 Systems Analysis and Design
COMP617 Requirements Modelling
INFO620 Enterprise Resource Planning Systems
COMP701 Information Technology Project Management
INFO712 Management Information Systems
INFO714 E-Business Strategies and M-Commerce
COMP721 Intensive Information Technology Project

OR **Software Development**

COMP513 Fundamentals of Computer Programming ; **OR** COMP514 Fundamentals of Computer Databases
SOFT605 Object Oriented Programming
SOFT606 Desktop Applications Development
COMP617 Requirements Modelling
COMP701 Information Technology Project Management
SOFT703 Web Applications Development
SOFT708 Mobile Applications Development
COMP721 Intensive Information Technology Project

CROSS-CREDITS are NOT available in the GDIT. Students with prior studies in a subject will be given the opportunity to broaden their knowledge base by taking another course at the appropriate level with the approval of the Head of Programme.

> ***The diverse, hands-on projects helped me apply my skills in real-world scenarios.***
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> *Jasper Bacani*
> *PGDIT Alumni*

Jasper Bacani PGDIT Alumni
Currently Property Technology Coordinator, Diocesan School for Girls

Jasper's journey from the Philippines to New Zealand to pursue a PGDIT at AIS was both challenging and rewarding.

"I embraced the opportunity to learn advanced IT concepts like software development and systems analysis, while adapting to a new culture and work environment."

AIS's supportive community and diverse, hands-on projects provided invaluable real-world experience, helping Jasper transition smoothly into this new chapter.

Postgraduate Diploma in Information Technology

Domestic Fees (NZD) $8,840
International Fees (NZD) $28,320
Level 8 · 120 Credits · 12 Months

The Postgraduate Diploma in Information Technology (PGDIT) has been designed to fill the global skills shortage that has been recognised in the IT sector.

As a result, graduates will be highly employable, and with the PGDIT being only one year in duration we expect this will be a popular choice for those wanting to upgrade their skills and open doors to employment.

Students will have the opportunity to enter the IT industry at a higher-than entry-level position. In addition, the advanced technical skills provided by the PGDIT specialist topics below ensure graduates are prepared for success in any of these career paths.

3 Specialist Topics are available | **3 Pathways**

Choose a Specialist Topic

OR **Networks and Security**

CONE709 Network System Security
CONE710 Advanced Computer Networking
CONE809 Topics in Cloud Computing
CONE810 Computer and Communication Network Security
CONE811 Penetration Testing

OR **Information Systems**

INFO712 Management Information Systems
INFO714 E-Business Strategies and M-Commerce
INFO812 Data Mining
INFO813 Artificial Intelligence
INFO814 Enterprise Cloud-based Systems

OR **Software Development**

SOFT703 Web Applications Development
SOFT708 Mobile Applications Development
SOFT806 Continuous Integration and Continuous Deployment
SOFT807 Cloud Application Development
SOFT808 Software User Experience

Choose a Completion Pathway

OR **Reseach Pathway**

COMP801 Research Methods
COMP802 Research Project

OR **Internship Pathway**

COMP803 Internship (completed over two trimesters) **OR**
COMP806 Intensive Internship (completed over one trimester)

OR **Industry Project Pathway**

COMP804 Industrial Project

Alternative Courses

Students can also gain **Real World Experience** by replacing **COMP722 Information Technology Industry Practice** for one of their level 7 courses (only for Research Pathway students).

COMP805 Specialisation Project or **COMP801 Research Methods** is available as an alternative to one of the level 8 specialist courses.

Master of Information Technology

Domestic Fees (NZD) $13,260
International Fees (NZD) $42,480
Level 9 · 180 Credits · 20 Months

There is a need and desire in New Zealand and globally for graduates with IT skills more advanced than those with undergraduate degrees, as well as a need for graduates who are capable of performing independent research into complex IT issues.

Graduates of the Master of Information Technology (MIT) will be equipped with the skills needed to perform the highly complex tasks that the modern IT environment requires. They will possess the ability to critically evaluate relevant literature, analyse independent research results and problem-solve to a high level of sophistication. Those who complete the Thesis pathway will be able to plan and execute original research in various novel situations.

3 Specialist Topics are available | **3 Pathways** | **2 Completion Options**

One Compulsory Course

COMP801 Research Methods

Choose a Specialist Topic

Choose only two courses in your specialisation if doing the internship or Industry Project pathway, or all three if doing the Research pathway.

OR **Networks and Security**

CONE809 Topics in Cloud Computing
CONE810 Computer and Communication Network Security
CONE811 Penetration Testing

OR **Information Systems**

INFO812 Data Mining
INFO813 Artificial Intelligence
INFO814 Enterprise Cloud-based Systems

OR **Software Development**

SOFT806 Continuous Integration and Continuous Deployment
SOFT807 Cloud Application Development
SOFT808 Software User Experience

Choose a Pathway

OR **Research Pathway**

COMP802 Research Project

OR **Internship Pathway**

COMP803 Internship (completed over two trimesters) **OR**
COMP806 Intensive Internship (completed over one trimester)

OR **Industry Project Pathway**

COMP804 Industrial Project

Choose a Completion Option

OR **Research Thesis Option**

COMP901 Information Technology Research Thesis (90 credits)*

OR **Research Project Option**

COMP902 Advanced Information Technology Specialised Project
COMP903 Information Technology Applied Research Project

**Research-based Master's – qualifies for full-time in-study work rights.*

Download the latest information on our Information Technology and an enrolment pack at: www.ais.ac.nz