

HEADSTART SCIENCE AND ACADEMIC SKILLS:

Frequently Asked Questions

What is covered in Headstart courses?

Headstart courses cover essential pre-university material - generally equivalent to the key concepts in subjects at NCEA level 2, or Cambridge AS level.

The exception is Further Chemistry which covers the key concepts at NCEA level 3.

The Physics course covers mainly mechanics, while the one-week Supplementary Physics course covers waves and electromagnetism.

Academic Skills covers skills that are useful for all degree courses, and essential for education, law, commerce, the humanities (e.g. psychology, sociology) and the arts.

Do I need Headstart?

If you have a strong, recent background in a subject at NCEA level 3 or equivalent, you don't need Headstart, and will not benefit from it.

If you have good, recent results at NCEA level 2, contact us to discuss whether or not you need Headstart.

If you have NCEA level 1 in the relevant subject, or some credits at level 2, Headstart is right for you.

If you have no background in your chosen subject, you may find Headstart challenging. You may need to do some preliminary study before attending the course. Contact us to find out more.

I don't have my NCEA results yet, so I don't know whether to enrol in Headstart or not.

If you are waiting for NCEA results to come out, you can enrol in Headstart to ensure a place, then withdraw and get a refund (less \$20 administration fee) if you find you don't need it.

Popular courses have limited entry, while any course with low enrolments could be cancelled, so **we strongly advise early enrolment.**

Where do Headstart Courses lead?

HEADSTART COURSE	PREPARES YOU FOR...	WHICH CAN THEN LEAD TO....
BASIC CHEMISTRY	CHEM114 or Headstart FURTHER CHEMISTRY	CHEM111 and/or CHEM112
FURTHER CHEMISTRY	CHEM114 or (if you do well in the assessments in the Further Chemistry course) CHEM111 and/or CHEM112	further study in chemistry or biochemistry if required
MATHEMATICS	MATH101	EMTH118, EMTH119 and other 100-level maths courses
PHYSICS & Supplementary Physics	PHYS111	PHYS101 and other 100-level physics and astronomy courses
STATISTICS	STAT101	further courses in statistics if required
ACADEMIC SKILLS	Useful for all subject areas	

For more information including the brochure, click the link below:

<http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/future-students/qualifications-and-courses/preparatory-programmes/headstart/>