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International Prospectus

UNIVERSITY OF CANTERBURY
Te Whare Wānanga o Waitaha
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(Hello)



We're in a little corner of the planet, but in New Zealand, you can experience many different worlds — adrenaline, art, Māori culture, biodiversity, stunning landscapes, southern lights, sustainability, and more — all while studying at a world-class institution.

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Nau mai, haere mai — Welcome to Te Whare Wānanga o Waitaha University of Canterbury

Choosing where to study is a significant decision — one that shapes your future, broadens your perspective, and connects you to people and ideas that inspire. At the University of Canterbury (UC), we are proud to be part of that journey.

UC is home to more than 25,000 students from over 100 countries, and our vibrant, inclusive campus offers rich opportunities for intellectual and personal growth. Through your studies, engagement with the University of Canterbury Students' Association (UCSA), and a wide range of student-led activities, you will experience a campus life that is rich with opportunities, supportive, and deeply connected to community.

Student success is at the heart of what we do. In 2024, our students rated UC's teaching quality at 93%, and 92% of our graduates were employed or pursuing further study within six months of completing their degree. This strong performance helped UC achieve the #2 ranking in New Zealand for employability outcomes in the 2026 QS World University Rankings.

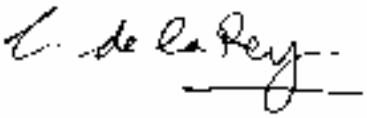
These results reflect the strength of our teaching, the relevance of our programmes, and our commitment to preparing UC graduates to make meaningful contributions in a rapidly changing world.

Ranked among the world's top 300 universities (QS 2026), UC is internationally recognised for academic excellence and global impact. Our research, teaching, and student experience are shaped by a future-focused outlook and a commitment to addressing global challenges through strong local and international partnerships.

Located in Ōtautahi Christchurch, recently ranked among the world's Top 100 student cities for a second year, UC offers a safe, welcoming, and affordable lifestyle that balances study and recreation. With mountains, beaches, and outdoor adventures nearby, it is a dynamic and inspiring place to live and learn.

We continue to invest in world-class infrastructure and sustainable development to ensure a future-ready, environmentally responsible campus that supports all learners. Our reputation as a desirable study destination continues to attract talented students from around the globe.

No matter where you're from or where you're heading, we look forward to welcoming you, and supporting you to learn, grow, and thrive as part of our UC community.



Professor Cheryl de la Rey
Tumu Whakarae | Vice-Chancellor



About the University of Canterbury

Established in 1873, UC was New Zealand's second university. We strive to be a welcoming community that supports and encourages you, no matter where you come from or what your interests are.

Over 150 years of educational excellence

Starting as Canterbury College, UC was renamed Canterbury University College in 1933 before becoming the University of Canterbury in 1957.

For our first 100 years, the University was situated in the centre of Christchurch (now the Arts Centre), but moved to its current location in 1975. We are currently located in a spacious, purpose-built 76-hectare site in the suburb of Ilam — like a little city between the sea and the mountains.

The 'new' campus has a central complex of libraries, lecture theatres, laboratories, and student accommodation surrounded by playing fields, a river, and the renowned Ilam Gardens.

Our university also has the most extensive network of research field stations of any university in Aotearoa New Zealand, including Kaikōura, Cass, Westport, Harihari (South Westland), Aotearoa New Zealand's premier astronomical research facility at Mount John in Tekapo, the sub-Antarctic Snares Islands, Antarctica, and Nigeria.



UC AT A GLANCE

26,433
students enrolled in 2024

1,549
international students enrolled in 2024

257
research degree enrolments (doctorates)

Legends of UC

From scientists, prime ministers, journalists, artists to entrepreneurs, many legends have graduated from UC.



Ernest Rutherford ▲
The first person to split an atom, and a Nobel Prize winner. The Rutherford Regional Science and Innovation Centre (RRSIC) is named in his honour.

Jack Erskine
Physicist and electrical engineer after whom our UC's Erskine Fellowship is named. The School of Engineering opened in his honour in 1998.

Elsie Locke
A writer and historian who fought for women's rights, nuclear disarmament, social justice, and the environment long before these causes became popular. Our Faculty of Arts is named in her honour.



Beatrice Tinsley ▲
Known as the 'Queen of the Cosmos' and has a mountain named after her. The College of Science (RRSIC) building opened in her honour in 2019.

Sir Āpirana Ngata
A contemporary of Ernest Rutherford, who became the first Māori graduate from a New Zealand university. Portraits of the two legends are on New Zealand's $100 and $50 notes respectively.

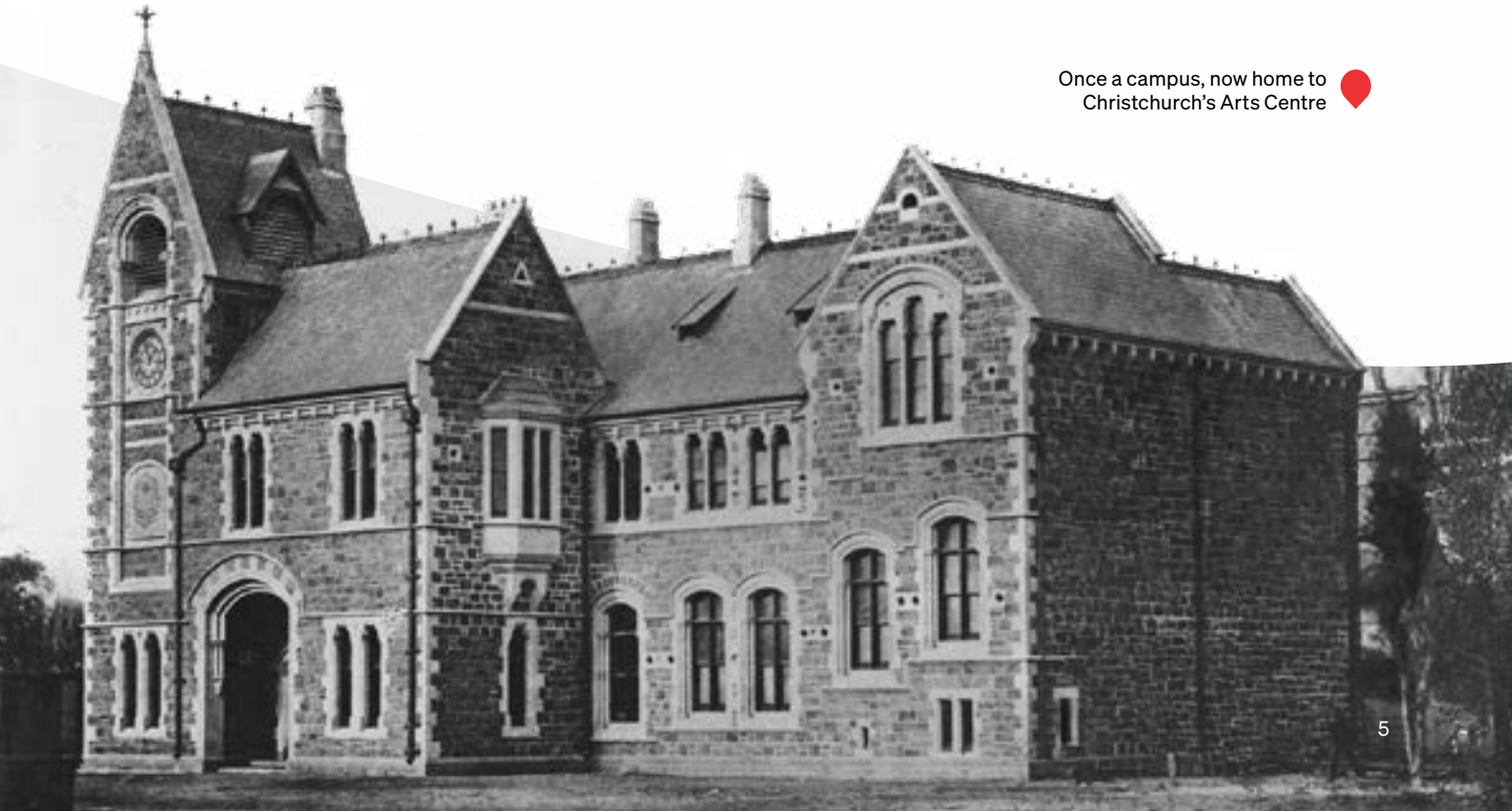
Dame Ngaio Marsh
Known as a 'Queen of Crime' novelist and an actor.



Karl Popper ▲
One of the greatest philosophers of the 20th century was a professor at UC. The School of Humanities building was named after his passing in 1994 and is now home to the Faculty of Law.

Rita Angus
A pioneer of modern painting known for showcasing her love of humanity in her art.

Anthony Wilding
Former world no. 1 tennis player and winner of 11 Grand Slam titles, and was considered to be the world's first tennis superstar.



Once a campus, now home to Christchurch's Arts Centre

Why Aotearoa New Zealand?

As an international student, you can experience all that Aotearoa New Zealand has to offer, from dynamic cities to breathtaking landscapes and unlimited outdoor adventure.

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overall best country in the world

(US News & World Report, 2024)

NEW ZEALAND IS	
2nd	in the world for racial equity[1]
3rd	most peaceful country[2]
18th	in the world for education[3]

[1]2024 U.S. News & World Report.
[2]Global Peace Index, 2025.
[3]Legatum Prosperity Index, 2023.

Image credit: ChristchurchNZ



University of Canterbury
Mt John Observatory
Lake Tekapo



Why Ōtautahi Christchurch?

Christchurch is the second largest city in the country, where you can balance study, work, and leisure.

Explore our part of the world

Christchurch is a city where you can breathe, with over 700 parks and gardens to explore including Hagley park, the largest in the southern hemisphere. Low traffic congestion means that you can reach most parts of the city in a 20-minute drive.

As the largest and most central city in the South Island, it is the perfect base from which to explore — you can ski and surf in the same day!

Join our community

Christchurch is one of the world's most modern and sustainable cities — a place where innovation and cultural identity go hand in hand. Its transformation has been shaped through a close partnership with Ngāi Tūāhuriri, the mana whenua (tribe with authority over the land), whose stories and values are woven into the city's design. Across Christchurch, you'll experience a living cultural narrative — reflected in its architecture, public spaces, and the University of Canterbury campus — where tradition and progress come together to create a truly unique sense of place.



Sumner Beach

QUALITY OF LIFE

85th	Top 100 best student cities[1]
1st	for greatest place to live in New Zealand[2]
1st	for work life balance in New Zealand[2]
1300+	parks and reserves

[1]QS Best Student Cities, 2025.
[2]Quality of Life survey, New Zealand, 2024.



What sets Christchurch apart?

We are in a city of entrepreneurial spirit — for future-focused, sustainable businesses and people who want to do things differently.

You will find:

- new infrastructure
- favourable rent-income ratio
- affordable housing
- a diverse, innovative community
- a strong education sector.

A digital city in the making

Christchurch leads the way in innovation, research, and technology, and is home to the country's 2nd largest tech sector. Our graduates are highly sought after for this growth sector.

The Canterbury economy is growing at a higher rate than the national average. We have an estimated long-term skills shortage of over 50,000 workers by 2030, meaning there will be a greater scope for employment in our city.

Growing future industries

Christchurch is ranked in the world's top 250 cities for start-ups. Sectors where Canterbury has a competitive advantage, opportunity of scale, and value chain collaboration are:

- aerospace
- IT and high-tech services
- health and medical technology.

Future Growth Industries

2nd	largest tech sector
168th	Christchurch is ranked in the world's top 250 cities for start-ups

christchurchnz.com/business/growth-sectors

Diversity

1/4	of Christchurch residents are from a different country

Statistics NZ, Census 2023

Cost of Living

18%	cheaper rental homes than Wellington
17%	cheaper rental homes than Auckland

Trademe Property news and advice

Life in Christchurch

In Christchurch, there's always a way for students to be part of something exciting — home to multinationals and future growth industries: aerospace and future transport, health tech and resilient communities, food and agritech, and IT.



UC is a well situated campus, central to Christchurch, and easy to get around, whether you walk, bike, ride the bus, or drive.

UC sports field

Airport
→ 10-minute drive from UC

UC campus

Sumner Beach
→ 20-minute drive from UC



Times Higher Education
Impact Rankings
SDG11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES
2025 **TOP 20**





University of Canterbury

Why UC?

The University of Canterbury cultivates curious students and delivers creative and innovative research for the benefit of both local and global communities.

World-class university

Our academic staff explore their fields of expertise with passion, encourage conversations and challenges, and share their discoveries to create better outcomes for everyone. They often write the textbooks you will study. We also bring in academics from universities around the world, including Oxford and Cambridge, via our staff exchange programme.

Hands-on experience

Many of our courses offer internships, community engagement, and access to world-class field stations like the Mount John observatory and Cass field station. We have lots of resources to support your study such as over 1.9 million research items in UC's three libraries, innovative learning hubs, online portal and interactive resources, and well-equipped laboratories.

IMPROVE YOUR JOB OUTCOMES

Our latest Graduate Destination Survey (2024) revealed:

91%	of UC graduates found jobs or involved in further study
27	countries where graduates work
$	More than half our graduates earned between $60,001-$90,000 in a year.

Times Higher Education Impact Rankings

Times Higher Education Impact Rankings

AACSB ACCREDITED

EQUIS ACCREDITED

ASSOCIATION AMBA ACCREDITED

Our faculties

- Arts | Toi Tangata
- Education | Ako
- Engineering | Pūhanga
- Law | Ture
- Health | Oranga
- Science | Pūtaiao
- UC Business School | Te Kura Umanga

Cutting-edge research

UC is home to cutting-edge research facilities, including:





Field stations

- **Mount John Observatory** ▲ Aotearoa New Zealand's premier astronomical research facility
- Cass Mountain Research Area (CMRA)
- Westport Maxwell Gage and Brian Mason research facilities
- Harihari forestry station
- sub-Antarctic Snares Islands, Station Cove, Ho Ho Bay
- Antarctica Scott Base

Centres and institutes

- **Gateway Antarctica** ▲ Centre for Antarctic Studies and Research
- Biomolecular Interaction Centre
- Human Interface Technology Laboratory (HITLabNZ)
- MacDiarmid Institute for Advanced Materials and Nanotechnology
- New Zealand Institute of Language, Brain and Behaviour
- National ICT Innovation Institute (NZi3)
- Social Science Research Centre
- The Institute of Law, Emergencies and Disasters (LEAD)
- Waterways Centre for Freshwater Management



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for employability outcomes and employer reputation in Aotearoa New Zealand
(QS World Rankings, 2026)

Aoraki Mount Cook

International partnerships

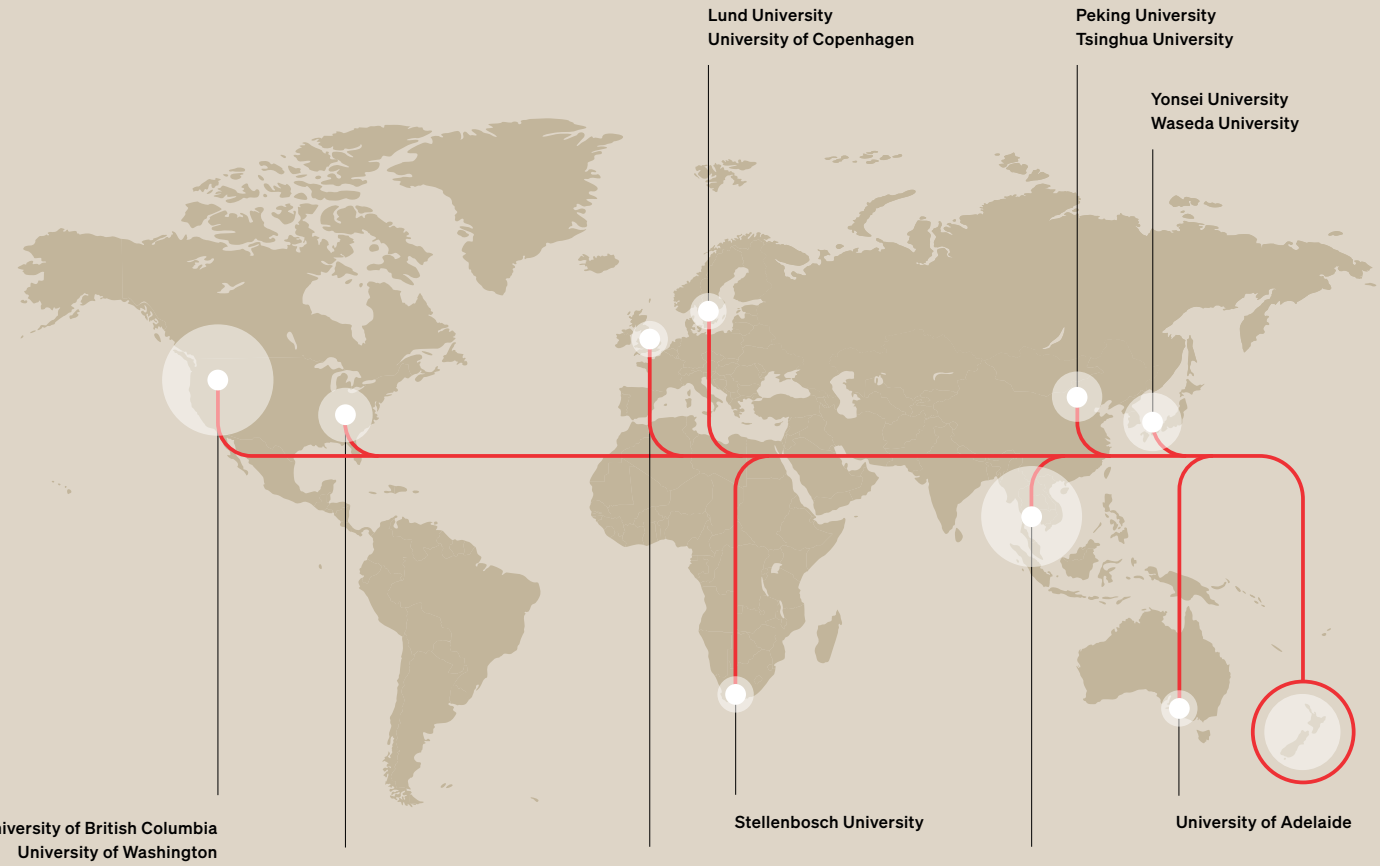
UC has strong global connections, meaning you can study a semester abroad with one of our exchange partners, or an international short course with your classmates. A few of our partner universities are depicted below.

Dual degree programmes

We also provide opportunities for students from partner institutions to study part of their qualification in their home country and then complete it at UC through articulation agreements and dual degree programmes.

Global Partners

Find out more about our 100+ partnerships with institutions around the globe.





Sustainability focus

Sustainability is built into the way we do things at UC, from curriculum, community engagement to our facilities on campus. UC is committed to contributing to the United Nations' 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). See what UC is doing today to support these goals:

canterbury.ac.nz/life/sustainability

We offer a range of degrees, majors, minors, and courses in sustainability. Look at our programmes in Environmental Science, Social and Environmental Sustainability, Forestry Science, Product Design, Disaster Risk and Resilience, Urban Resilience and Renewal, Water and Environmental Systems Engineering to name a few.

UC clubs

With 160+ clubs, UC has the most active club scene of any New Zealand university. The UCSA plays a key role in your UC experience and provides a wide range of services.

Some featured clubs include:

- Student Volunteer Army (SVA)
- Asian Kiwi Society
- UC Aerospace Club
- Animesoc
- Canterbury Malaysian Students' Association (CMSA)
- UC Global Society (UCGS)
- Global China Connection Canterbury
- UC Indian Student Association
- UC French Society
- K-Soc (Korean Society).

ucsa.org.nz/clubs

Our campuses



Ilam Campus

76 hectares – the most walkable campus in New Zealand.

UC has built and natural spaces for recreation and relaxation and a sense of place and connection. Our secure, accessible campus has all the facilities you need to thrive.



Dovedale Campus

Dovedale Campus is the home of UC's Bachelor of Digital Screen with Honours degree and the Kōawa initiative, providing a unique opportunity for the creative technology sector to drive convergence of world class education, projects and facilities.



UC Arts central city location

UC Music and UC Classics city centre location hosts Arts classes and lectures, as well as a busy events programme featuring concerts, lectures, seminars, and museum tours.



UC Qualifications

Undergraduate programmes index

Transition pathways by UCIC	Duration	Start semester	2026 fee* (per 120 points or less)	Estimated total tuition fee	Page
Certificate in Foundation Studies	8 months	Feb, June, Oct	$27,470	$27,470	66
Diploma in University Studies	1 year	Feb, June, Oct	$36,100–$44,476	$36,100–$44,476	66

Certificate/Diploma in	Duration	Start semester	2026 fee* (per 120 points or less)	Estimated total tuition fee	Page
Certificate in Arts	6 months	1, 2	$17,050	$17,050	28
Certificate in Commerce	6 months	1, 2	$18,150	$18,150	34
Certificate in Criminal Justice	6 months	1, 2	$17,050	$17,050	56
Certificate in Health	6 months	1, 2	$19,300	$19,300	51
Certificate in Indigenous Narrative	6 months	1, 2	$17,050	$17,050	27
Certificate in Languages	6 months	1, 2	$17,050	$17,050	27
Certificate in Science	6 months	1, 2	$21,550	$21,550	61
Certificate in Sport Coaching	6 months	1, 2	$17,050	$17,050	51
Certificate in Youth and Community Leadership	6 months	1, 2	$17,050	$17,050	39
Diploma in Arts	1 year	1, 2	$34,100	$34,100	28
Diploma in Commerce	1 year	1, 2	$36,300	$36,300	34
Diploma in Health	1 year	1, 2	$38,600	$38,600	51
Diploma in Languages	1 year	1, 2	$34,100	$34,100	28
Diploma in Science	1 year	1, 2	$43,100	$43,100	61

Bachelor of	Duration	Start semester	2026 fee* (per 120 points or less)	Page
Ako: Teaching and Learning	3 years	1	$34,110	39
Arts	3 years	1, 2	$34,880	28
Commerce	3 years	1, 2	$37,920	34
Communication	3 years	1	$34,625	28
Criminal Justice	3 years	1	$37,890	56
Data Science	3 years	1, 2	$42,080	61
Digital Screen with Honours	4 years	1	$46,310	28
Engineering with Honours	4 years	1	$47,450 (First year) $51,900 (2–4 years)	44
Environmental Science with Honours	4 years	1, 2	$41,955	61
Fine Arts	4 years	1	$38,730	28
Forestry Science	4 years	1, 2	$43,035	44
Health	3 years	1, 2	$41,975	51
Laws	4 years	1	$38,570	56
Music	3 years	1, 2	$39,500	28
Product Design	3 years	1, 2	$45,140	44
Psychological Sciences	3 years	1, 2	$41,320	61
Science	3 years	1, 2	$43,080	61

* Indicative fees only

Bachelor of	Duration	Start semester	2026 fee* (per 120 points or less)	Page
Social and Environmental Sustainability	3 years	1, 2	$36,355	28
Social Work with Honours	4 years	1	$34,880	51
Speech and Language Pathology with Honours	4 years	1	$42,290 (First year) $46,960 (2–4 years)	61
Sport	3 years	1, 2	$35,750– $38,850	51
Youth and Community Leadership	3 years	1, 2	$35,490	39

Bachelor with Honours in	Duration	Start semester	2026 fee* (per 120 points or less)	Page
Arts	1 year	1, 2	$38,200	28
Commerce	1 year	1	$37,900	34
Music	1 year	1	$43,850	28
Science	1 year	1, 2	$45,300	62

Graduate Certificate in	Duration	Start semester	2026 fee* (per 120 points or less)	Page
Health	6 months	1, 2	$21,550	51
Laws	6 months	1, 2	$20,150	56
Sport Coaching	6 months	1, 2	$17,050	51

Graduate Diploma in	Duration	Start semester	2026 fee* (per 120 points or less)	Page
Arts	1 year	1, 2	$34,100	28
Commerce	1 year	1, 2	$36,300	34
Criminal Justice	1 year	1, 2	$34,100	56
Health	1 year	1, 2	$43,100	51
Journalism	1 year	1	$34,100	28
Laws	1 year	1, 2	$40,300	56
Psychological Science	1 year	1, 2	$43,100	62
Science	1 year	1, 2	$43,100	62
Strategic Communication	1 year	1, 2	$34,100	28
Teaching and Learning	1 year	Jan	$34,625 (150 points)	39
Teaching and Learning (Early Childhood)	1 year	Jan	$34,625 (150 points)	39

Postgraduate programmes index

Postgraduate Certificate in	Duration	Start semester	2026 fee* (per 120 points or less)	Page
Antarctic Studies	6 months	1	$22,650	62
Architectural Engineering	6 months	1, 2	$25,950	45
Artificial Intelligence	6 months	1, 2	$22,650	45
Arts	6 months	1, 2	$19,100	28
Business	6 months	1, 2	$18,950	34
Civil Engineering	6 months	1, 2	$25,950	45
Counselling Studies	6 months	1	$22,650	51
Criminal Justice	6 months	1, 2	$19,100	56
Education	6 months	1, 2	$19,100	40

* Indicative fees only

Postgraduate Certificate in	Duration	Start semester	2026 fee* (per 120 points or less)	Page
Engineering	6 months	1, 2	$25,950	45
Geospatial Data Science	6 months	1, 2	$22,650	62
Health Sciences	6 months	1, 2	$22,650	51
Illustration	6 months	1, 2	$17,000	28
Information Systems and Technology	6 months	1, 2	$18,950	34
International Law and Politics	6 months	1, 2	$18,950	57
Māori & Indigenous Leadership	6 months	1, 2	$17,000	28
Palliative Care	6 months	1, 2	$22,650	51
Science	6 months	1, 2	$22,650	62
Sport Science	6 months	1, 2	$22,650	51
Strategic Communication	6 months	1, 2	$19,100	28
Strategic Leadership	9 months	Feb, Apr, July, Sept	$20,950	34
Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages	6 months	Feb, July, Nov	$17,000	40
Tertiary Teaching	6 months	1, 2	$19,100	40
Translation and Interpreting	6 months	1	$17,000	28
Virtual Production	6 months	1	$17,000	28

Postgraduate Diploma in	Duration	Start semester	2026 fee* (per 120 points or less)	Page
Applied Data Science	1 year	1, 2	$37,900	45
Art Curatorship	1 year	1, 2	$34,000	28
Artificial Intelligence	1 year	1, 2	$45,300	45
Arts	1 year	1, 2	$34,000	28
Business	1 year	1, 2	$37,900	34
Business Administration	1 year	Feb, May, Aug	$42,900	34
Business Information Systems	1 year	1, 2	$37,900	34
Child and Family Psychology	3 years	1	$45,300 (total $101,925 for 270 points)	51
Clinical Psychology	3 years	1	$45,300 (total $99,660 for 264 points)	51
Criminal Justice	1 year	1, 2	$38,200	57
Education	1 year	1, 2	$38,200	40
Fine Arts	1 year	1	$43,850	28
Forestry	1 year	1, 2	$47,000	45
Geospatial Data Science	1 year	1	$45,300	62
Health Sciences	1 year	1, 2	$45,300	51
Illustration	1 year	1, 2	$34,000	28
Information Systems and Technology	1 year	1,2	$37,900	34
Organisational Psychology	1 year	Jan	$45,300	62

* Indicative fees only

Postgraduate Diploma in	Duration	Start semester	2026 fee* (per 120 points or less)	Page
Public Health	1 year	1	$45,300	51
Science	1 year	1, 2	$45,300	62
Sport Science	1 year	1, 2	$45,300	52
Strategic Communication	1 year	1, 2	$38,200	28
Teaching and Learning	1 year	1	$42,500 (150 points)	39
Translation and Interpreting	1 year	1, 2	$34,000	28
Virtual Production	1 year	1	$34,000	28

Pre-Master's pathways by UCIC	Duration	Start semester	2026 fee* (per 120 points or less)	Page
Pre-Master's One Semester (CertArts)	16 weeks	Feb, Oct	$17,050	66
Pre-Master's Two Semester (DipAdvUniSt)	32 weeks	Feb, Oct	$34,000	66

Master of	Duration	Start semester	Estimated total tuition fee	Page
Aerospace Engineering	16 months	1, 2	$77,850 (180 points)	45
Antarctic Studies	1 year	Nov	$67,950 (180 points)	62
Applied Finance and Economics	12–13 months	Jan	$56,850 (180 points)	34
Architectural Engineering	1 year	Feb, Aug	$51,900 (120 points)	45
Artificial Intelligence	1 year	1, 2	$67,950 (180 points)	45
Arts	1–2 years	1, 2	$57,300 (180 points)	29
Arts (Thesis)	1–2 years	Start of month	$38,200 (120 points)	29
Audiology	2 years	1	$90,600 (240 points)	62
Business Management	1½ years	1, 2	Check website (180 points)	35
Civil Engineering	1 year	1	$51,900 (120 points)	46
Commerce	12–16 months	1	$56,850 (180 points)	35
Counselling	2–4	1	$90,600 (240 points)	52
Criminal Justice	1 year	1	$57,300 (180 points)	57
Education	16 months	1, 2	$57,300 (180 points)	40
Education (Thesis)	1–2 years	Start of month	$38,200 (120 points)	40
Engineering	1–3	Varies	$51,900 (120 points)	45
Engineering in Fire Engineering	16–36 months	1	$97,310 (225 points)	45
Engineering Management	1½ years	1	$56,850 (180 points)	45
Engineering Studies	1 year	1, 2	$51,900 (120 points)	46
Financial Analysis	16 months	1	$56,850 (180 points)	35
Fine Arts	1 year	1	$43,850 (120 points)	29
Fire Engineering Studies	1 year	1	$51,900 (120 points)	46
Forestry Science	1–2 years	1, 2	$94,000 (240 points)	46

* Indicative fees only

Master of	Duration	Start semester	Estimated total tuition fee	Page
Geospatial Data Science	1 year	1	$67,950 (180 points)	63
Health Sciences	2 years	1, 2	$90,600 (240 points)	52
Health Sciences Professional Practice	16 months	1, 2	$67,950 (180 points)	52
Human Interface Technologies	1 year	1	$51,900 (120 points)	46
Illustration	1½ years	1, 2	$51,000 (180 points)	29
Laws	1 year	Start anytime	$43,850 (120 points)	57
Laws (International Law and Politics)	1–2 years	1, 2	$37,900 (120 points)	57
Music	1 year	1, 2	$43,850 (120 points)	29
Professional Accounting	16 months	1, 2	$56,850 (180 points)	35
Professional Master of Computer Science	1 year	1	$67,950 (180 points)	46
Public Health	16 months	1	$67,950 (180 points)	52
Science	1–2 years	1, 2	$90,600 (240 points)	63
Sport Science	16 months	1, 2	$67,950 (180 points)	52
Urban Resilience and Renewal	1 year	1	$67,950 (180 points)	63
Virtual Production	1½ years	1	$51,000 (180 points)	29
Water Science and Management	1 year	1	$67,950 (180 points)	63

Doctor of	Duration	Start semester	2026 fee* (per 120 points)	Page
Health Science	4–6 years	1	$45,300	52
Musical Arts	3 years	Start of any month	$43,850	29
Philosophy (PhD)	3–4 years	Start of any month	$8,570–$10,321	52

* Indicative fees only

Please note

The 'Tuition fee total' is an estimate only. Your total study cost will depend on the courses you choose, and will include additional costs such as student levies, insurance, retakes, and other course-related costs.

While we do our best to ensure all fees, are correct at the time of this publications release, we strongly recommend that you discuss all possible costs with your agent.

Special Programme Fees

While most tuition fees are determined by adding the fees for each enrolled course, some qualifications instead have a Special Programme Fee. This means you pay a set fee for the whole qualification at the beginning of your studies, even if it takes 18-24 months to complete. The Special Programme Fee does not include non-tuition fees like the Student Service Levy (SSL) and insurance, and does not cover repeated courses, so any courses taken over the points value of your qualification will be charged at the current rate.

See how international fees work.

Special Programme Fees

Master of	Duration	Start semester	Tuition fee total	Page
Applied Data Science	1 year	1, 2	$56,850 (180 points)	45
Applied Translation and Interpreting	12–16 months	1	$51,000 (180 points)	29
Business Administration	16 months	Feb, May, Sept	$64,350 (180 points)	35
Business Information Systems	16 months	1, 2	$56,850 (180 points)	35
Disaster Risk and Resilience	1 year	1	$65,100 (180 points)	63
European Union Studies	16 months	1, 2	$51,000 (180 points)	29
Financial Engineering	1 year	1	$56,850 (180 points)	35
International Relations and Diplomacy	1 year	1	$51,000 (180 points)	29
Linguistics	1 year	1, 2	$51,000 (180 points)	29
Marketing	17 months	1, 2	$56,850 (180 points)	35
Mathematical Sciences	16 months	1, 2	$56,850 (180 points)	46
Policy and Governance	16 months	1	$51,000 (180 points)	29
Product Design	16 months	1, 2	$66,000 (180 points)	46
Product Innovation	16 months	1, 2	$66,000 (180 points)	46
Professional Master of Engineering Geology	1 year	1	$65,100 (180 points)	63
Social Work	1 year	Start of month	$34,000 (120 points)	52
Social Work (Applied)	2 years	1	$68,000 (240 points)	52
Speech and Language Pathology	2 years	1	$86,800 (240 points)	63
Strategic Communication	16 months	1	$51,000 (180 points)	29
Teaching and Learning	13 months	Jan	$51,000 (180 points)	39
Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages	1 year	1, 2	$51,000 (180 points)	40
Writing	16 months	1, 2	$51,000 (180 points)	29

Study UC

24	Arts, Communication, and Digital Screen
30	Business
36	Education and Teaching
41	Engineering, Forestry, and Product Design
47	Health, Sport, and Social Work
53	Law and Criminal Justice
58	Science





Arts

With many research centres and over 40 subjects spanning the humanities, social science, languages, and creative arts, UC Arts is the place to broaden your perspectives and gain an outstanding education.

ARTS RANKINGS

Top 100

in the world for Linguistics*

Top 150

in the world for Classics and Ancient History*

* QS World University Rankings by subject, 2025

Join our vibrant community

The UC Digital Screen Society (**instagram.com/digital.screen.society.uc**) welcomes you to explore UC's 160+ clubs and find your future student community.

ucsa.org.nz/clubs

Apply to Arts today

Sign up to MyUC to begin your admissions application.

myuc.canterbury.ac.nz/login

WHAT ARTS OFFER

50

Arts subjects offered

Final year creative project in the BDigiScreen(Hons) with mentorship from studios and industry experts.

Find out more about Arts

UC's Faculty of Arts has a wide range of degrees and qualifications.

A future in digital screens

Welcome to Kōawa Studios, where storytelling, creative technology, education, and industry converge. Kōawa Studios is the first commercial-grade creative technology and screen hub of its kind in the South Island.

Our Bachelor of Digital Screen runs out the Kōawa facilities, which includes a 14m x 4m virtual production studio and an adjacent greenscreen. With over 11 hectares of purpose-built production facilities and secure on-site storage areas, our in-house technicians and commercial team provide expertise and logistics for films, TV commercials, podcasts, music videos, video production, and digital content creation.



Key research centres

Research is integral to our work and our academics are engaged in fundamental and applied research. Key research centres include

- Confucius Institute
- Hei Puāwaitanga: Sustainability, Citizenship and Civic Imagination Research Group
- National Centre for Research on Europe
- Southeast Asia Research Initiative·

Hands-on learning

UC prepares you for the workforce with:

- Internship opportunities
- State-of-the-art industry-grade facilities
- Work Integrated learning experiences

Apply for an Arts Scholarship

UC offers Dean's Awards available to all international students, and the High Achievers Scholarship (HAS) for prospective students from China, India and Southeast Asia. We also offer scholarships for specific faculty, country of origin, and level of study. To find out more please go to page 65.

SCHOLARSHIPS

NCRE Centre of Excellence MEURO Scholarship

Criteria:
NCRE offers 7 scholarships for domestic and international students.

Value:
6 x $6000 for domestic and international students and 1 x $10,000 exclusively for international students.

Level of Study:
Masters

Please contact Jenny Wilson for more information about this scholarship:

jenny.wilson@canterbury.ac.nz



"From growing up on a horse farm in the US to Europe to New Zealand, reporting from places like Afghanistan and North Korea... honestly, I have a hard time believing it has all happened. It's a real-life fairy tale."

BEN
USA

Postgraduate Diploma in Journalism



Feature programmes

Bachelor of Communication

Develop skills in media content production, planning, and research in international and national contexts.

Majors include:

- Communication Strategy and Practice
- Journalism
- Political Communication
- Māori Communication Strategy and Practice.

Bachelor of Digital Screen with Honours

Prepare for a career as a game developer, film and television producer, screenwriter, digital artist, animator, and more with our Digital Screen degree.

You will study on a dedicated campus with modern facilities such as a virtual production stage, green screen room, motion capture studio, sound and colour editing suites. There are also post-production spaces, bringing together film production, game development, and cross-reality technologies.

A key feature of our programme is the opportunity to learn from and collaborate with the brightest minds in the screen industry. You will also graduate with a portfolio of your original work as part of the degree.

Arts undergraduate options

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Bachelor of Arts offers two pathways:

Interested in an Arts subject?

Major and Minor

- Anthropology
- Art History and Theory
- Chinese
- Cinema Studies
- Classics
- Economics
- Education
- English
- European and European Union Studies
- French
- Geography
- German
- History
- Human Services
- Japanese
- Linguistics
- Māori and Indigenous Studies
- Mathematical Sciences Education
- Mathematics
- Media and Communication
- Music
- Philosophy
- Political Science and International Relations
- Psychology
- Russian
- Sociology
- Spanish
- Statistics
- Te Reo Māori
- Writing

Minors only

- Digital Humanities
- Pacific Studies
- Creative Writing
- Gender and Sexuality Studies
- Graphic Design

Specialisations

- Creative Industries and Contemporary Practice
- Cultural Heritage
- Cultural Studies
- Global Societies and Cultures
- International Affairs
- Language, Brain and Behaviour
- Philosophy, Politics and Economics
- Society, Diversity and Change

ALL OTHER UNDERGRADUATE ARTS PATHWAYS

- Diploma of Arts
- Bachelor of Communication
- Bachelor of Digital Screen with Honours
- Bachelor of Social and Environmental Sustainability
- Bachelor of Fine Arts with Honours

Conjoint options

Bachelor of Arts with:

- Bachelor of Communication
- Bachelor of Science

Would like to specialise?

Learn about BA specialisations at UC Arts.

Study postgraduate

Postgraduate study in Arts at UC enables you to extend your knowledge and apply it to complex problems in your chosen field. Postgraduate Arts options include Certificates, Diplomas, Honours, Masters, and Doctoral degrees.

Feature programmes

Master of International Relations and Diplomacy

Drawing on UC's teaching and research strengths, graduates can obtain a master's-level capstone qualification in the popular area of international relations and diplomacy. This degree will offer you an innovative, interdisciplinary programme of taught courses with a strong professional emphasis.

Master of Strategic Communication

The Master of Strategic Communication prepares you for a career in professional media for corporations, public relations, and advocacy.

This coursework Master's is suited for students wanting to develop skills in public media relations and organisational communication, including those who have no previous experience in these areas, or are wanting to change their career focus.

Arts graduate and postgraduate options

GRADUATE AND POSTGRADUATE QUALIFICATIONS

Interested in Postgraduate study?
Learn more about what's on offer at UC.

Honours

- Bachelor of Arts with Honours
- Bachelor of Music with Honours

Graduate Diplomas

- Graduate Diploma in Arts
- Graduate Diploma in Journalism
- Graduate Diploma in Strategic Communication

Postgraduate Certificates and Diplomas

- Postgraduate Certificate in Arts
- Postgraduate Certificate in Māori & Indigenous Leadership
- Postgraduate Certificate in Translation and Interpreting
- Postgraduate Diploma in Arts
- Postgraduate Diploma in Art Curatorship
- Postgraduate Diploma in Te Reo Māori
- Postgraduate Diploma in Translation and Interpreting

Masters

- Master of Arts
- Master of Applied Translation and Interpreting
- Master of European Union Studies
- Master of Fine Arts
- Master of International Relations and Diplomacy
- Master of Linguistics
- Master of Māori and Indigenous Leadership
- Master of Music
- Master of Policy and Governance
- Master of Strategic Communication
- Master of Te Reo Māori
- Master of Writing

Doctorates

- Doctor of Philosophy
- Doctor of Musical Arts

Undergraduate programmes

Qualification	Intakes	Duration	Points	Cost per year (120 points)*
Certificate in Indigenous Narrative	Feb or July	6 months	60	$17,050
Certificate in Languages	Feb or July	6 months	60	$17,050
Conjoint Bachelor of Arts and Commerce	Feb or July	5 years	540	$41,385**
Conjoint Bachelor of Arts and Science	Feb or July	5 years	540	$43,980**
Conjoint Bachelor of Social and Environmental Sustainability and Arts	Feb or July	5 years	675	$41,038**
Conjoint Bachelor of Social and Environmental Sustainabilty and Youth and Community Leadership	Feb or July	5 years	675	$37,984**

* Indicative fees only
** per 135 points

Qualification	Intakes	Duration	Points	Cost per year (120 points) *
Certificate in Arts	Feb or July	6 months	60	$17,050
Diploma in Arts	Feb or July	1 year	120	$34,100
Diploma in Language	Feb or July	1 year	120	$34,100
Bachelor of Arts	Feb or July	3 years	360	$34,880
Bachelor of Communication	Feb	3 years	360	$34,625
Bachelor of Digital Screen with Honours	Feb	4 years	360	$46,310
Bachelor of Fine Arts with Honours	Feb	4 years	480	$38,730
Bachelor of Music	Feb or July	3 years	360	$39,500
Bachelor of Social and Environmental Sustainability	Feb or July	3 years	360	$36,355

Graduate and postgraduate programmes

Qualification	Description	Intake	Duration	Points	Tuition fees *
Bachelor of Arts with Honours C R	Over 25 subjects are available to study and you can do your own research as well as taught electives.	Feb or July	1 year	120	$38,200
Bachelor of Music with Honours C R	For those who graduated from the Bachelor of Music (or equivalent) with good grades and who wish to extend themselves.	Feb	1 year	120	$43,850
Graduate Diploma in Arts	This is a pathway into postgraduate Arts study if you hold a bachelor's degree in a non-Arts subject.	Feb or July	1 year	120	$34,100
Graduate Diploma in Journalism	Gain the skills needed to be an effective journalist. Learn media ethics and law, research and analysis, and multimedia skills.	Feb	1 year	120	$34,100
Graduate Diploma in Strategic Communication	Learn professional communication skills. Ideal for a career change to corporate or creative media work.	Feb or July	1 year	120	$34,100
Postgraduate Certificate in Arts	Develop skills in the critical evaluation of academic literature in a discipline or area of specialisation.	Feb or July	6 months	60	$19,100
Postgraduate Certificate in Illustration	Learn tools and techniques to start a professional career as an illustrative artist.	Feb or July	6 months	60	$17,000
Postgraduate Certificate in Māori & Indigenous Leadership	Analyse of indigenous development at an advanced level, and prepare for further study in the area of Māori and Indigenous Leadership.	Feb or July	6 months	60	$17,000
Postgraduate Certificate in Strategic Communication	Learn to communicate effectively with audiences via messaging and advertising.	Feb or July	6 months	60	$19,100
Postgraduate Certificate in Translation and Interpreting	Study computer-assisted translation tools and interpretation within multicultural communities.	Feb	6 months	60	$17,000
Postgraduate Certificate in Virtual Production	Learn the technical fundamentals of digital content creation using Virtual Production technology.	Feb	6 months	60	$17,000
Postgraduate Diploma in Art Curatorship	This diploma is ideal for those wanting to work in museums, art galleries, and commercial art sectors.	Feb or July	1 year	120	$34,000
Postgraduate Diploma in Arts	Study advanced humanities or social sciences. Can be a pathway to other postgraduate study.	Feb or July	1 year	120	$34,000
Postgraduate Diploma in Fine Arts	Undertake advanced, practice-based research within your chosen studio subject.	Feb	1 year	120	$43,850
Postgraduate Diploma in Illustration	Gain professional illustration skills and develop your creative portfolio and artistic style.	Feb or July	1 year	120	$34,000
Postgraduate Diploma in Strategic Communication	Understand communication in complex media environments. Learn media writing, analytics, and research methods.	Feb or July	1 year	120	$38,200

* Indicative fees only

Qualification	Description	Intake	Duration	Points	Tuition fees *
Postgraduate Diploma in Translation and Interpreting	Learn the language, cultural, and communication skills needed by interpreters and translators.	Feb or July	1 year	120	$34,000
Postgraduate Diploma in Virtual Production	Create a portfolio of creative productions using cross-platform Virtual Production technology.	Feb	1 year	120	$34,000
Master of Arts C R	Critically examine current practices in your chosen field, while also demonstrating understanding of the principles of research.	Feb or July	1–2 years	180	$57,300
Master of Arts (Thesis) R	Create a body of original research and contribute to new knowledge and build your academic skills.	Start of any month	1–2 years	120	$38,200
Master of Applied Translation and Interpreting C	Learn language, cultural, and communication skills you need to work as professional interpreters and translators.	Feb	12–18 months	180	$51,000
Master of European Union Studies C R	Unique in Australasia, this degree looks at the EU in the global context while focusing on the Asia-Pacific region and EU–NZ relations.	Feb or July	12–18 months	180	$51,000
Master of Fine Arts R	This degree includes building a specialised body of work for either Moving Image, Graphic Design, Painting, Photography, or Sculpture. A Bachelor of Fine Arts with Honours is required for entry.	Feb	1 year	120	$43,850
Master of Illustration	Develop technical skills in traditional and digital media with UC's Master of Illustration.	Feb or July	1½ years	180	$51,000
Master of International Relations and Diplomacy C R	This degree is perfect if you are interested in a career in foreign affairs or inter-state coordination.	Feb	1 year	180	$51,000
Master of Linguistics C R	Study linguistic analysis and apply it to your own research. You will gain awareness and appreciation of linguistics in Aotearoa and the Pacific.	Feb or July	1 year	180	$51,000
Master of Music R	Study Composition or Performance after your Bachelor of Music with Honours.	Feb or July	1 year	120	$43,850
Master of Policy and Governance C R	Learn policy analysis and strategic decision making. Useful for progressing in local, regional, national, and not-for-profit roles.	Feb	12–18 months	180	$51,000
Master of Strategic Communication C R	This degree will allow you to understand communication in complex media environments. Learn media writing, analytics, and workplace research methods.	Feb	12–18 months	180	$51,000
Master of Virtual Production	Learn how to create, interact with, and capture visual effects in real time.	Feb	1½ years	180	$51,000
Master of Writing C R	Learn skills common to all genres of writing — creative, professional, technical, and academic — while deepening your knowledge and ability in one or more genre.	Feb or July	12–18 months	180	$51,000
Doctor of Musical Arts R	Undertake advanced research in music composition or performance.	Start of any month	3 years	360	$43,850 per 120 points
Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) R	The PhD comprises advanced research presented in a thesis.	Start of any month	3–4 years	360	$8,570–$10,321 per 120 points

International tuition fees
The tuition fees listed are indicative only and actual fees may vary depending on the programme of study.

C coursework qualification R research qualification C R coursework plus research qualification

* Indicative fees only



Business

UC Business School offers internationally recognised qualifications with courses underpinned by research in a vibrant learning environment.

BUSINESS RANKINGS

1%

of Business Schools that holds the 'Triple Crown' accreditation

Top 100

in the world for Sustainability*

Top 300

in the world for Business and Economics**

*QS World Rankings, 2025

**Times Higher Education World Subject Rankings, 2025

Student support

UC Business School offers personalised support for international students, including real-time support via social media and regular activities designed to support your academic, social, and career needs.

Our UC Business School students rate their satisfaction with our support services at 94% (6% above the global university benchmark).

Through our extensive industry connections, you can find internships or projects with local businesses as part of your degree.

For more information, contact UC Business School.

Apply to Business today

Sign up to MyUC to begin your admissions application.

myuc.canterbury.ac.nz/login

WHAT BUSINESS OFFERS

Internships and industry-based projects.

Career-focused extra-curricular activities eg, the Global Impact Industry Project.

97%

97% career exposure satisfaction.

Find out more about Business

UC's School of Business has a wide range of degrees and qualifications.

UC Centre for Entrepreneurship (UCE) programmes

UCE provides a dedicated, student-focused space where ideas and innovation can flourish including:

- **Summer Startup**
  The Hatchery, Rehua
- **UCE Disrupt [challenge series]**
  UCE Office
- **INOV290 project course**
  UCE Office
- **UC FoundX**
  UCE Office
- **Makerspace | Te Rua**
  Puaka-James Hight Library
- **ThincLab Canterbury**
  Beside the UCE Office

UCE opportunities up close

600+	Ventures
1500+	Student entrepreneurs
$1M+	in scholarships
10	Summer startup cohorts
500+	Guest speakers
500+	Mentors

canterbury.ac.nz/about-uc/our-structure/faculties/business-faculty/centre-for-entrepreneurship



Apply for a scholarship

UC offers Dean's Awards available to all international students, and the High Achievers Scholarship (HAS) for prospective students from China, India and Southeast Asia. We also offer scholarships for specific faculty, country of origin, and level of study. To find out more please go to page 65.

SCHOLARSHIP



Your passion, our support

Te Kura Umanga | UC Business School Southeast Asia Award

Criteria:
For international students at UC's Business School.

Value:
Financial assistance with tuition fees and compulsory charges.

Level of study:
Undergraduate and postgraduate.



"I work as a marketing and sales coordinator for a local company. I got the job from a connection I made through a summer micro internship from UC Business School."

JENNY
CHINA

Master of Business in Marketing
Sales and Marketing Executive, Walnuts New Zealand Co-operative

Business undergraduate options

BACHELOR OF COMMERCE

Majors

- Accounting
- Economics
- Finance
- Human Resources Management
- Information Systems
- Innovation and Entrepreneurship
- International Business
- Management
- Marketing
- Operations and Supply Chain Management
- Taxation and Accounting
- Tourism Marketing and Management

Minors only

- Business Analytics
- Business and Sustainability
- Economics
- Entrepreneurship
- Taxation

Interested in a Business subject?

OTHER UNDERGRADUATE BUSINESS PATHWAYS

- Diploma in Commerce

Conjoint options

- Bachelor of Commerce with Bachelor of Science

Business subjects

Customise your degree by combining majors and minors with other commerce and non-commerce subjects to suit your goals and interests.

Bachelor of Commerce

From financial markets to the latest management practices and the rapidly expanding world of e-commerce, a BCom gives you the knowledge and skills to succeed in a global business environment.

UC and its business partners provide many opportunities for you to gain practical business experience and make important contacts.



Get social with UC Business

Follow the official UC Business School social media channels for all the latest from students and staff.

Engage with other students and find out more about student life at UC. Follow ucnz.life on Instagram and UC坎大环游记 on Little Red Book (小红书) for student stories.

WeChat | Whatsapp | Instagram | Little Red Book



"I'm deeply grateful for the support that's helped shape my academic and personal development, and I remain driven by a genuine passion to explore languages, understand cultures and build bridges between people—not for accolades, but for the joy and purpose it brings."

KIEN
VIETNAM

Bachelor of Commerce

Study postgraduate

As a postgraduate student at UC Business School, you will interact closely with supervisors and lecturers, plus have the opportunity to engage with guest lectures and presentations by business leaders, innovators, and entrepreneurs.

Our options are developed to support both students with a commerce degree and those from other areas of study.

Feature programmes

Master of Business

The Master of Business (MBus) provides you with broad business skills and expertise as part of UC's Business Taught Masters programme.

The degree explores business basics as well as a specialist major focus, and includes project opportunities through our industry contacts to give you practical experience in applying your commercial knowledge.

Open to students from any study background, the MBus offers you the chance to upskill, or a pathway for those looking to newly enter the business world.

Master of Business and Information Systems

UC's Master of Business Information Systems (MBIS) aims to address high-level skills shortages in the rapidly growing ICT industry, and to meet the growing demand for work-ready graduates in Aotearoa New Zealand and abroad. The MBIS equips graduates, including those from a non-Information Systems or Commerce background, with specialist knowledge and skills applicable to managing the use of technology and technology-driven innovations in business.

The MBIS sits within the Business Taught Masters programme as part of a suite of taught master's degrees that cater for graduates with a background in an unrelated field.



Business postgraduate options

GRADUATE AND POSTGRADUATE QUALIFICATIONS

Graduate programmes

- Graduate Diploma in Commerce
- Bachelor of Commerce with Honours

Professional programmes

- Master of Professional Accounting (Accounting background not required)
- Master of Applied Economics and Finance
- Master of Business
- Master of Business Administration
- Master of Financial Analysis
- Master of Business Information Systems
- Master of Financial Engineering
- Master of Marketing

Executive programmes

- Postgraduate Certificate in Business
- Postgraduate Diploma in Business
- Postgraduate Diploma in Business Administration
- Postgraduate Diploma in Business Information Systems
- Postgraduate Diploma in Information Systems and Technology
- Master of Commerce

Research programmes

- Doctor of Philosophy

Interested in Postgraduate study?

Learn more about what's on offer at UC.

Undergraduate programmes

Qualification	Intakes	Duration	Total Points	Tuition fees per year (120 points) *
Bachelor of Commerce	Feb or July	3 years	360	$37,920
Certificate in Commerce	Feb or July	3 years	360	$18,150
Diploma in Commerce	Feb or July	1 year	120	$36,300
Conjoint Bachelor of Commerce and Science	Feb or July	5 years	540	$45,980

* Indicative fees only

Graduate and Postgraduate programmes

Qualification	Description	Intake	Duration	Points	Tuition fees *
Bachelor of Commerce with Honours C R	Explore specialist topics that can lead to entry to master's programmes by thesis.	Feb	1 year	120	$37,900
Graduate Diploma in Commerce	Complete advanced undergraduate commerce courses in a new subject area and transition to research-based postgraduate study.	Feb or July	1 year	120	$36,300
Postgraduate Certificate in Business	Gain the confidence to challenge existing commercial practice and participate in the development of new and innovative business strategies.	Feb or July	1 year	60	$18,950
Postgraduate Certificate Information Systems and Technology	Explore to deepen your knowledge in Information Systems or to prepare yourself for further research.	Feb or July	6 months	120	$18,950
Postgraduate Certificate in Strategic Leadership	Whether you are new to leadership, or needing to deepen your leadership skills, this certificate will prepare you to lead better in a fast-paced and dynamic business world.	Feb, Apr, July, Sept	9 months	60	$20,950
Postgraduate Diploma in Business	Gain knowledge and skills that you can apply across a wide range of industries. This is a pathway into the Master of Business or Master of Professional Accounting.	Feb or July	1 year	120	$37,900
Postgraduate Diploma in Business Administration	This diploma includes courses from the Master of Business Administration programme. You may transfer to the Master of Business Administration if you complete this qualification with a B average or higher.	Feb, May, or Sept	1 year	120	$42,900
Postgraduate Diploma in Business Information Systems	Gain information systems-related skills with the opportunity to transfer to the Master of Business Information Systems.	Feb or July	1 year	120	$37,900
Postgraduate Diploma in Information Systems and Technology	Deepen your information systems knowledge or to prepare yourself for further research in this area.	Feb or July	1 year	120	$37,900
Master of Applied Finance and Economics C	This degree offers practical courses in cost-benefit analysis, financial decision-making, forecasting, and portfolio management.	Jan	12–13 months	180	$56,850

Qualification	Description	Intake	Duration	Points	Tuition fees *
Master of Business Management	Open to anyone with an undergraduate qualification in any discipline. Learn core business management skills through a combination of coursework, group projects, and a final capstone project or consultancy experience.	Feb or July	1.5 years	180	Check website
Master of Business Administration C	This master's lets you upskill, make a career change, and gain relevant business connections and experiences. This degree involves opportunities such as consulting projects and networking events.	Feb, May, or Sept	18 months	180	$64,350
Master of Business Information Systems C	Take advantage of the demand for "tech-savvy" business graduates. Combining business with information systems, this qualification is designed to equip you with the specialist knowledge and skills to manage technology-driven innovation.	Feb or July	16 months	180	$56,850
Master of Commerce C R	Learn more about your chosen subject area, critically view the world, and do independent research. The skills learned will prepare you for professional roles and business consulting.	Feb	12–18 months	180	$56,850
Master of Financial Analysis C	Build skills in finance and financial analysis, including investments, risk management and probability theory, equity research, and portfolio management.	Feb	16 months	180	$56,850
Master of Financial Engineering C R	This cross-disciplinary degree directly links real-world problems in financial engineering to an underlying theoretical framework. You will learn how to be capable of high-level performance in the financial industry.	Feb	1 year	180	$56,850
Master of Marketing C	This degree provides targeted expertise with hands-on project and portfolio work to prepare you for today's tech-driven marketing industry.	Feb or July	17 months	180	$56,850
Master of Professional Accounting C	As a conversion taught master's, this qualification enables you to become an accountant, leading to a provisional membership in professional bodies such as Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand.	Feb or July	16 months	180	$56,850
Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) R	The PhD comprises advanced research presented in a thesis.	Start of any month	3–4 years	360	$8,570–$10,321 per 120 points

C coursework qualification R research qualification C R coursework plus research qualification

* Indicative fees only

International tuition fees
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Education and Teaching

UC is committed to excellence in teacher education and educational studies. We will equip you to make a positive difference in the lives of children, adults, and their communities.

EDUCATION RANKINGS

Top 300

in the world for Education*

*QS World University Rankings by subject, 2025

Student support

Our lecturers are national and global leaders and we lead with research on student engagement in learning; education leadership and policy; development for teachers; children's language and literacy learning; and culturally responsive practices, inclusitivity, and equity in education and e-learning.

Join a vibrant community:

Apply to Education today

Sign up to MyUC to begin your admissions application.

myuc.canterbury.ac.nz/login

WHAT EDUCATION AND TEACHING OFFERS

Innovative teaching-learning environments.

1-7 weeks spent in schools for each teaching placement.

135

UC Education has been training teaching and educational professionals for over 135 years.

Find out more about Education and Teaching

Whether you're studying for the first time, or already have a degree and want to become a certificated teacher, we have pathways.

Practical learning

As part of your UC learning experience, you will undertake professional placements to build teaching and management skills, and connect with students and community.

You'll also have the opportunity to make use of our innovative teaching-learning environments. You will learn how digital technologies can be best used to create practices that enhance student learning.

Education and Teaching research centres

UC Education has several key areas of research and research hubs including:

- A Better Start
- Learning Environments
- Digital Education Futures Lab
- Language and Literacy Research lab
- Teacher Learning and Innovations in Practice Research Hub
- UC Community Engagement Hub
- UC Child Wellbeing Research Institute



International partnerships

The Faculty and the Global Engagement Team is working in partnership with Education New Zealand, Teach for Indonesia, and Teach for the Philippines. Expert educators from the Faculty will work online with more than 100 education practitioners and administrators to explore new ideas in Early Childhood Education, English Language teaching, and Educational Management and Leadership.



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SCHOLARSHIP

Your passion, our support

UC International First Year Scholarship

Criteria:
Support for top-achieving international students who have completed, or are currently completing, studies at either an overseas institution, or University of Canterbury International College (UCIC) and will be commencing an undergraduate degree programme.

Value/Benefits:
$15,000 towards tuition fees

Level of Study:
School Leaver (First year undergraduate)

Number available every year:
Up to 7, across two scholarship rounds (April and October).



"Placements give us hands-on experience and the opportunity to see what being a teacher is really like. I will be doing six placements throughout my degree. You get placed in a variety of education centres so that you get experience with all age groups."

MELISSA
MALAYSIA

Ako: Bachelor of Teaching and Learning in Early Childhood Teaching



Undergraduate programmes

We offer many programmes that allow you to apply to become a certified teacher in New Zealand.

Ako: Bachelor of Teaching and Learning has two internationally-recognised endorsements:

- Early Childhood Education
- Primary Education.

Professional placements and te ao Māori courses allow you to build multicultural knowledge into your teaching practices. The programme meets the requirements to apply for provisional teacher registration with the Teaching Council of New Zealand.

teachingcouncil.nz/getting-certificated/getting-started/becoming-a-teacher

Graduate diplomas

We also have two graduate diplomas that allow you to apply to become a certified teacher in New Zealand.

These are one-year, undergraduate programmes for those who already have a bachelor's degree.

Postgraduate programmes

UC Education offers a range of postgraduate programmes.

Application due dates

Applications for teaching qualifications close on 31 October. Many of our teaching qualifications have limited numbers and applications may close early if capacity has been reached. Special requirements apply if English is not your first language.

Education undergraduate options

BACHELOR OF TEACHING AND LEARNING

- Early Childhood Education
- Primary Education

Graduate Diplomas

- Graduate Diploma in Teaching and Learning (Early Childhood)
- Graduate Diploma in Teaching and Learning – endorsed in Primary or Secondary Education

Other Education Options

- Bachelor of Youth and Community Leadership

Interested in an Education subject?

Education postgraduate options

Postgraduate Diplomas

- Postgraduate Diploma in Education
- Postgraduate Diploma in Teaching and Learning

Postgraduate Certificates

- Postgraduate Certificate in Education
- Postgraduate Certificate in Teaching and Learning
- Postgraduate Certificate in Tertiary Teaching

Masters

- Master of Teaching and Learning
- Master of Education
- Master of Education (Thesis)
- Master of Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages
- Master of Teaching and Learning

Doctorates

- Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)

Interested in Postgraduate Education?

Feature programmes

Ako: Bachelor of Teaching and Learning

Prepare for a career in early childhood or primary education, through a combination of research-driven theory and professional placements in schools and community as part of your degree.

Master of Teaching and Learning

A one-year programme for graduates wanting to become primary or secondary teachers. Like our other offerings, this is the ideal pathway if you are interested in supporting diverse learners in mainstream schools, including Māori and Pasifika children and youth, learners for whom English is a second language, and those who have special learning needs.

Undergraduate and Graduate programmes

Teacher qualifications

Qualification	Intake	Duration	Points	Cost per year *
Ako: Bachelor of Teaching and Learning	Feb	3 years	360	$34,110
Graduate Diploma in Teaching and Learning	Jan	1 year	150	$35,625
Graduate Diploma in Teaching and Learning (Early Childhood)	Jan	1 year	150	$34,625

Successful completion of one of the above teaching qualifications enables you to apply for teacher registration in New Zealand.

Other qualifications

Qualification	Intake	Duration	Points	Cost per year *
Bachelor of Youth and Community Leadership	Feb or July	3 years	360	$35,490
Certificate in Youth and Community Leadership	Feb or July	6 months	60	$17,050

Postgraduate programmes

Teacher qualifications

Teaching Qualification	Description	Intake	Duration	Points	Tuition fees *
Postgraduate Diploma in Teaching and Learning	This level 8 qualification consists of coursework and 80 days of professional practice in schools. The endorsements are: – Primary education – Secondary education. For the Secondary endorsement, students must have studied to 300 or 400-level in a secondary curriculum subject area.	Jan	1 year	150	$42,500
Master of Teaching and Learning	This level 9 qualification consists of coursework and 80 days of professional practice in schools. The endorsements are: – Primary education – Secondary education. For the Secondary endorsement, students must have studied to 300 or 400-level in a secondary curriculum subject area.	Jan	13 months	180	$51,000

Successful completion of one of the above teaching qualifications enables you to apply for teacher registration in New Zealand.

* Indicative fees only

(C) Coursework qualification (R) Research qualification (C R) Coursework plus research qualification (D) Distance learning options available

Other Education degrees

Qualification	Description	Intake	Duration	Points	Tuition fees *
Postgraduate Certificate in Education	This certificate aims to give educational professionals the opportunity to improve their professional practice and examine critical issues in education.	Feb or July	2 years	60	$19,100
Postgraduate Certificate in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages	Ideal fast-track qualification for those who may have come to the career of English language education through an indirect route and wish to undertake professional development or for graduates interested in entering the TESOL profession.	Feb, Jul, Nov	6 months	60	$17,000
Postgraduate Certificate in Tertiary Teaching	Learn to reflect on current research in teaching and learning, develop your teaching approaches and assessment practices.	Feb or July	2 years	60	$19,100
Postgraduate Diploma in Education D	This diploma is designed to improve professional practice and examine critical issues in education. The degree can be endorsed in: – Digital Education Futures (Distance learning) – Inclusive and Special Education – Leadership (Distance learning) – Literacy – Teaching and Learning Languages – Tertiary Teaching (if employed in tertiary teaching).	Feb or July	1 year	120	$38,200
Master of Education C R D	The degree can be endorsed in: – Digital Education Futures (Distance learning) – Early Years (not currently open to new enrolments) – Inclusive and Special Education – Leadership (Distance learning) – Literacy – Teaching and Learning Languages – Tertiary Teaching (if employed in tertiary teaching).	Feb or July	18 months	180	$57,300
Master of Education (Thesis) R	This degree allows you to demonstrate advanced knowledge in your field of educational research; or 30 points research methods and 90 points thesis. February or July intake for the research methods. You must have a Postgraduate Diploma in Education (or similar) to be eligible to apply for this qualification.	First day of month	1–2 years	120	$38,200
Master of Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages C	A qualification aimed at producing English language educators for a wide variety of educational settings. This programme will give you the skills, knowledge, and capabilities to adapt to English language developments, as well as technological and pedagogical advances.	Feb or July	1 year	180	$51,000
Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) R	The PhD comprises advanced research presented in a thesis.	Start of any month	3–4 years	360	$8,570–$10,321 per 120 points

* Indicative fees only

C Coursework qualification R Research qualification C R Coursework plus research qualification D Distance learning options available

International tuition fees
The tuition fees listed are indicative only and actual fees may vary depending on the programme of study.



Engineering, Forestry, and Product Design

Founded in 1887 as the first engineering school in New Zealand, we are internationally recognised for excellence in teaching and research across engineering and allied disciplines, and high calibre graduates who work across the globe.

ENGINEERING RANKINGS

Top 150

in the world for Civil and Structural Engineering*

*QS World University Rankings by subject, 2025

Join our vibrant community

We have a vibrant community of student clubs across the faculty including UC Aerospace, Women in Engineering, Product Design Society, Forestry Society, UC Rainbow Engineering, and many more. Explore our 160+ clubs here:

ucsa.org.nz/clubs

Apply to Engineering today

Sign up to MyUC to begin your admissions application.

myuc.canterbury.ac.nz/login

WHAT ENGINEERING OFFERS

A community of local and international lecturers, researchers, and industry connections.

Some highlights of our Engineering, Forestry and Product Design degrees:

- advanced laboratories like structural engineering, wood technology, AR/VR, high-voltage
- project work
- UC's Erskine Programme, which brings up to 70 academics each year from top universities around the world
- peer mentoring for first-year Engineering and Product Design students for 10 weeks

Find out more about Engineering

UC's Faculty of Engineering has a wide range of degrees and qualifications.

Innovative programmes and partnerships

As well as its elite ranking in Civil and Structural Engineering, UC Engineering offers innovative programmes tailored to the real world, with many Engineering options and unique qualifications in Forestry Science and Product Design. UC has close links with numerous local companies, which presents the opportunity for students to work alongside them and gain vital 'on the job' experience as part of their study.

Key research centres

- Electric Power Engineering Centre (EPE Centre)
- Human Interface Technology Laboratory (HIT Lab NZ)
- Wireless Research Centre
- Spatial Engineering Research Centre
- UC Quake Centre
- QuakeCORE
- Wood Technology Research Centre

Engineering undergraduate programmes

Bachelor of Engineering with Honours (BE(Hons))

This degree is fully accredited by Engineering NZ, meaning it is benchmarked with other engineering programmes worldwide. Our programme is internationally recognised, so you can take your career around the world.

The first year is comprised of courses which vary depending on which discipline you want to specialise in. Your first year is followed by three years of specialised study. Entry into the disciplines is limited and based on your first year's performance.

Conjoint degree options

Engineering's conjoint degree option allows you to combine an engineering discipline with specialisations across the Faculty of Engineering (i.e. Product Design) or in Business, Science and Sport fields. Conjoint degrees are different from a double degree in that they result in a single qualification while still involving a high workload.

Forestry programme

Forestry Science is a professional degree that prepares you for managing forest resources by combining science with management, commerce, and technology.

Practical work is a key component of the degree with regular field trips and 90 days of work experience undertaken in the forestry industry.

Bachelor of Product Design

A Bachelor of Product Design combines design, science, engineering, and business studies. You'll learn to design and develop new products that solve problems for home, business, and industry.

From creating a kayak or phone app, to formulating medicinal products or a virtual training world, you'll be equipped to work in a range of occupations and industries.



Apply for a scholarship

UC offers Dean's Awards available to all international students, and the High Achievers Scholarship (HAS) for prospective students from China, India and Southeast Asia. We also offer scholarships for specific faculty, country of origin, and level of study. To find out more please go to page 65.

SCHOLARSHIP



Your passion, our support

Kevin Spring Memorial Scholarship in Civil Engineering

Criteria:
To support research master's students in Civil Engineering at UC.

Value/Benefits:

- $40,000
- Provided suitable positions are available, Silvester/Clark Consulting Engineers and Steel Construction New Zealand may offer the recipient a paid internship during tenure of the scholarship and an opportunity for employment following completion of the ME programme.

Level of study:
Postgraduate; Master's

"I spent my summer learning a lot from the degree's internship programme. I designed a shallow foundation for a building, did some construction monitoring, soil testing, and other work. It was really great to get hands-on experience on the degree I am studying."

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Bachelor of Engineering with Honours in Civil Engineering
Graduate Structural Engineer, Beca



Undergraduate Engineering, Forestry, and Product Design options

BACHELOR OF ENGINEERING WITH HONOURS

Disciplines

Chemical and Process Engineering

Minors
- Bioprocess Engineering
- Environmental Process
- Engineering Sustainable Energy Engineering

Civil Engineering

Minors
- Structural Engineering
- Water and Environmental Systems Engineering

Computer Engineering

Minor
- Communications and Network Engineering

Electrical and Electronic Engineering

Minor
- Power Engineering

Forest Engineering

Mechanical Engineering

Minors
- Aerospace Engineering
- Biomedical Engineering

Mechatronics Engineering

Software Engineering

ENGINEERING CONJOINT DEGREE OPTIONS

- Engineering with Arts
- Engineering with Commerce
- Engineering with Data Science
- Engineering with Product Design
- Engineering with Science
- Engineering with Sport

Learn more about Engineering conjoint degrees.

FORESTRY PROGRAMMES

Bachelor of Forestry Science

Bachelor of Engineering (Hons) in Forest Engineering

Interested in Forestry?

BACHELOR OF PRODUCT DESIGN

Majors

Chemical Formulation Design

Digital Product Design

Industrial Product Design

Interested in Product Design?



$142M state-of-the-art laboratories and teaching spaces

Explore our state of the art facilities through our virtual campus tour guide.

Study postgraduate

UC offers both coursework and research-based qualifications and doctoral degrees.

Our award-winning lecturers and researchers, in topics from earthquakes to renewable energy, are among world leaders in developing new technology and responses.

Students also benefit from our strong industry links to establish their professional network.

Feature programmes

Master of Civil Engineering

Civil Engineers are responsible for creating and maintaining a sustainable world. Specialise in one of the following areas of Civil Engineering through our one-year Master's degree:

- Construction Management
- Transportation Engineering
- Earthquake Engineering
- Structural Engineering
- Structural Fire Engineering
- Geotechnical Engineering
- Water Engineering.

Master of Engineering Studies

For professional engineers seeking advanced technical training, this is a taught-coursework master's degree with no thesis or research requirement. You can take advanced courses in the fields of Mechanical Engineering or Renewable Energy, and/or select from a range of courses in your general area of expertise such as bioengineering, electrical, electronics, software, forestry, human interface technology.

Engineering, Forestry, and Product Design postgraduate options

POSTGRADUATE QUALIFICATIONS

Engineering

Postgraduate Diploma and Certificates:

- Postgraduate Certificate in Architectural Engineering
- Postgraduate Certificate in Civil Engineering
- Postgraduate Certificate in Engineering
- Postgraduate Certificate in Artifical Intelligence
- Postgraduate Certificate in Engineering
- Postgraduate Diploma in Artifical Intelligence
- Postgraduate Diploma in Applied Data Science

Product Design

- Postgraduate Certificate in Product Design
- Postgraduate Certificate in Product Innovation
- Master of Product Design
- Master of Product Innovation

Forestry

- Postgraduate Diploma in Forestry
- Master of Forestry Science

Masters:

- Master of Aerospace Engineering
- Master of Architectural Engineering
- Master of Artificial Intelligence
- Master of Applied Data Science
- Master of Civil Engineering
- Master of Engineering
- Master of Engineering in Fire Engineering
- Master of Engineering Management
- Master of Fire Engineering Studies
- Master of Engineering Studies
- Master of Human Interface Technology
- Master of Engineering Management
- Master of Mathematical Sciences
- Professional Master of Computer Science

Doctorates

- Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)

Interested in Postgraduate study?

Learn more about whats on offer at UC.

Undergraduate programmes

Qualification	Intake	Duration	Points	Tuition fees per year (120 points) *
Bachelor of Engineering with Honours	Feb	4 years	480	$47,450 (first year) $51,900 (2–4 year)
Bachelor of Forestry Science	Feb or July	4 years	480	$43,035
Bachelor of Product Design	Feb or July	3 years	360	$45,140
Conjoint Bachelor of Engineering with Honours and Arts	Feb or July	5 years	675	$47,255
Conjoint Bachelor of Engineering with Honours and Commerce	Feb or July	5 years	675	$49,145
Conjoint Bachelor of Engineering with Honours and Data Science	Feb or July	5 years	675	$55,087
Conjoint Bachelor of Engineering with Honours and Product Design	Feb or July	5 years	675	$51,620
Conjoint Bachelor of Engineering with Honours and Science	Feb or July	5 years	675	$55,087
Conjoint Bachelor of Engineering with Honours and Social and Environmental Sustainability	Feb or July	5 years	675	$48,380
Conjoint Bachelor of Engineering with Honours and Sport	Feb or July	5 years	675	$48,380

* Indicative fees only

Graduate and postgraduate programmes

Qualification	Description	Intake	Duration	Points	Tuition fees *
Postgraduate Certificate in Architectural Engineering	This programme will provide at-work building design professionals with 'practice-focused' education, and is driven by the need to improve the sustainability and affordability of buildings.	Feb or July	6 months	60	$25,950
Postgraduate Certificate in Artificial Intelligence	Prepare your computing skills for industry as we adopt more AI into our systems, from research to healthcare to entertainment.	Feb or July	6 months	60	$22,650
Postgraduate Certificate in Civil Engineering	This certificate is an ideal qualification for those wanting an advanced background in designing and managing civil engineering projects.	Feb or July	6 months	60	$25,950
Postgraduate Certificate in Engineering	This certificate is for professional engineers seeking advanced technical training or students looking for a 6-month advanced qualification.	Feb or July	6 months	60	$25,950
Postgraduate Diploma in Artificial Intelligence	Learn in-depth about artificial intelligence and develop skills highly sought after by employers.	Feb or July	1 year	120	$45,300
Postgraduate Diploma in Applied Data Science	For students who wish to build their data science capabilities and combine these with the skills and knowledge acquired from previous studies. This can add to career prospects.	Feb or July	1 year	120	$37,900
Postgraduate Diploma in Forestry	Update your skills or retrain in forestry with UC's Postgraduate Diploma in Forestry.	Feb or July	1 year	120	$47,000
Master of Aerospace Engineering C R	Gain knowledge and skills in Aerospace Engineering, combining a thesis and coursework. You will learn about aerospace technologies and processes, and be introduced to the global impact of the aerospace industry, including contemporary practice in professional ethics, legal, environmental, and safety guidelines.	Feb or July	18 months	180	$77,850
Master of Applied Data Science C	A qualification for students who wish to build their data science capabilities and combine these with the skills and knowledge acquired from previous studies.	Feb or July	1 year	180	$62,100
Master of Architectural Engineering C	Gain professional, work-ready, collaborative building design skills, and advanced training in selected areas of building design. This degree also caters for practitioners wanting to upskill. The degree can be endorsed in: – Building Services and Energy Engineering – Integrated Building Design – Structural Engineering.	Feb or Aug	1 year	120	$51,900
Master of Artifical Intelligence C	This degree allows you to build on previous studies in computing and venture into the field of AI engineering and innovation.	Feb or July	1 year	180	$67,950
Master of Engineering C R	This degree aims to provide a research-focused learning environment in which you can develop your independent problem solving skills through supervised research.	Start dates vary	1–3 years	120	$71,363
Master of Engineering in Fire Engineering C R	This degree is open to graduates from relevant branches of engineering, and covers all aspects of fire safety in buildings and other structures, human safety, and risk assessment.	Jan	16–36 months	225	$97,310
Master of Engineering Management C	For engineering graduates and professionals who want to combine their technical knowledge with advanced management and leadership skills. This degree is available on campus as a flipped classroom study model.	Feb	1½ years	180	$56,850

C coursework qualification R research qualification C R coursework plus research qualification

* Indicative fees only

Qualification	Description	Intake	Duration	Points	Tuition fees *
Master of Civil Engineering C	This is a taught postgraduate programme that enhances an engineer's knowledge and skills, improving their prospects for career progression. Endorsements are offered in: – Construction Management – Earthquake Engineering – Geotechnical Engineering – Structural Engineering – Structural Fire Engineering – Transportation Engineering – Water Engineering. – MCivilEng also includes an Indigenous Consultation and Engagement workshop.	Feb (some July — see website)	1 year	120	$51,900
Master of Engineering Studies C	This masters caters for professional engineers seeking advanced technical training. Endorsements are offered in Mechanical Engineering or Renewable Energy.	Feb or July	1 year	120	$51,900
Master of Fire Engineering Studies C	This degree is designed for Science and Engineering graduates that want to focus their career on designing fire control and smoke safety in buildings.	Feb	1 year	120	$51,900
Master of Forestry Science C R	Get a head start into forest management, governance, or research at an advanced level. Depending on your goals and experience, you can study by examination and report, examination and thesis, or thesis only.	Feb or July	1–2 years	240	$94,000
Master of Human Interface Technologies C R	By combining multidisciplinary viewpoints, user-centred design, and facilitating collaboration with external companies and teams, you can develop the skills needed to produce high-impact work globally.	Feb	1 year	120	$51,900
Master of Mathematical Sciences C R	Develop advanced analytical, problem-solving, critical thinking, and communication skills that will enable you to improve upon existing practices in the mathematical sciences, and position yourself as a future leader in your field of work.	Feb or July	18 months	180	$58,850
Master of Product Design C R	Prepare for the ever-changing consumer market with advanced design, manufacturing, and business analysis skills.	Feb or July	18 months	180	$66,000
Master of Product Innovation C	This degree is a perfect opportunity to access specialised facilities and industry experts at university while beginning to develop your own product or business ideas.	Feb or July	18 months	180	$66,000
Professional Master of Computer Science C	This masters is designed to provide advanced knowledge in computer science, enabling upskilling in the theory and application of advanced computer science.	Feb	1 year	180	$67,950
Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) R	The PhD comprises advanced research presented in a thesis.	Start of any month	3–4 years	360	$8,570–$10,321 per 120 points
PhD in Renewable Energy Engineering R	Shape the future of global energy systems with exciting research opportunities, state-of-the-art facilities, and interdisciplinary collaboration with world-renowned experts.	Start of any month	3–4 years	360	$8,570–$10,321 per 120 points

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International tuition fees
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Health, Sport and Social Work

Health today is about much more than treatment — it's about wellbeing, prevention, and connection. The world is calling for professionals who understand health in its broadest sense: people, culture, and community.

Apply to Health today

Sign up to MyUC to begin your admissions application.

myuc.canterbury.ac.nz/login

Student support

Our lecturers take a collaborative approach to teaching and engage with national and international experts from a range of health, social work, and sport subjects.

Why study Health, Sport and Social Work at UC?

- Globally relevant degrees — develop expertise that applies across borders, from community health and social development to international sport management.
- Multidisciplinary learning — our programmes combine science, psychology, communication, and leadership, helping you build the collaboration, cultural responsiveness, and innovation skills that global employers seek.

WHAT HEALTH, SPORT AND SOCIAL WORK OFFERS

Designed for the future.

UC's multidisciplinary approach allows you to develop the skillsets that employers are seeking: collaboration, cultural responsiveness and innovation.

Find out more about Health.

UC's Faculty of Health has a wide range of degrees and qualifications.



- Connected to the world — learn from lecturers and researchers who work with national and international partners in health, social work, and sport.
- Graduates of UC's health-related qualifications are well positioned for rewarding global careers — and in New Zealand, international graduates may also be eligible for Post-Study Work Rights that allow them to gain valuable professional experience after graduation.
- Many of UC's health and social work qualifications align with occupations on New Zealand's skill shortage and residence pathways lists, offering clear routes for those who wish to contribute their expertise to New Zealand's growing health sector.

To find out more please go to page 76.



"I returned to study because I wanted to chase my dream of becoming a professional football coach. UC's Sport degree perfectly matched my passion and career goals."

ETHAN
CHINA

Bachelor of Sport in Performance Data Analysis

Join our vibrant community

The UC Health Society [instagram.com/uchealthsoc] welcomes you to explore UC's 160+ clubs and find your future student community.

ucsa.org.nz/clubs

Work experience

UC prepares you for the workforce with:

- internships opportunities
- practice clinics and laboratories
- gyms access and training facilties
- 120-hour internship
  (final year of the Bachelor of Sport)

State-of-the-art facilities

Our Sports Science, Biomechanics, and Strength and Conditioning laboratories provide you with a dynamic environment filled with sport-related technologies, testing, and performance equipment.

Apply for a scholarship

UC offers Dean's Awards available to all international students, and the High Achievers Scholarship (HAS) for prospective students from China, India and Southeast Asia. We also offer scholarships for specific faculty, country of origin, and level of study. To find out more please go to page 65.

Bachelor of Health

With many subjects to explore, you will deepen your understanding of health and wellbeing to strengthen equity and examine global health challenges. Our subjects are developed to equip you with the specialist knowledge and skills to build a career in health.

Key highlights:

- Smaller classes mean academic staff can work closely with you.
- Mental Health and Addiction and Exercise and Sport Nutrition majors can lead to accreditation.
- Successful completion of the Public Health major means you meet the generic public health competencies and the health promotion competencies endorsed by Health Promotion Forum of New Zealand.

Bachelor of Sports

The Bachelor of Sport is a 3-year programme which offers a blend of practice and theory covering all aspects of sports and allows you to put your skills into practice with a 120-hour internship in your final year.

Bachelor of Social Work with Honours

Our Bachelor of Social Work with Honours is New Zealand's most established Social Work programme. This highly regarded interdisciplinary degree will engage you in theory and practice and prepare you for a wide range of work.

Undergraduate Health and Sport options

BACHELOR OF HEALTH

Interested in a Health subject?

Majors

- Exercise and Sport Nutrition
- Health Education
- Health Science
- Māori and Indigenous Health
- Mental Health and Addiction
- Physical Activity and Wellbeing
- Psychology
- Public Health

Minors

- Health Studies
- Population Health Data Science
- Health Research

BACHELOR OF SPORT

Interested in Sport?

Majors

- Performance Data Analysis
- Physical Activity and Wellbeing
- Sport Coaching and Physical Education (Major only)
- Te Ao Hākinakina
- Sport Marketing and Management (Major only)
- Nutrition
- Sport Coaching
- Sport Management

"I've been working as a research assistant for the UC Faculty of Health, which fits in exactly with what I'm doing in my internship with Greg King, a well known sports and conditioning coach. He's worked with many international cricket teams and the Indian Premier League, so it's a really great contact for me."

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INDIA

Master of Sport Science



Study postgraduate

UC offers a variety of interdisciplinary postgraduate options that include clinical and non-clinical programmes. Increasingly, employment in the health sector requires postgraduate qualifications, particularly for senior roles.

Feature programmes

Master of Health Sciences

With the Master of Health Sciences (MHealSc) you can plan your study to suit your interests, current employment, or career goals across health-related disciplines. You may either follow a general programme, or specialise in one of several areas:

- Environment and Health
- Health and Community
- Health Behaviour Change
- Health Information Management
- Health Leadership and Management
- Nursing
- Palliative Care

The MHealSc is a research-inclusive qualification, where you will be supervised by some world-leading researchers in the School of Health Sciences.

Master of Health Sciences Professional Practice

If you already work in the health sector and want to improve your professional practice, or wish to enter health-related employment, you can do our coursework-only Master of Health Sciences Professional Practice. You may study this degree unendorsed, or choose from the following endorsement options:

- Environment and Health
- Health and Community
- Health Behaviour Change
- Health Information Management
- Health Leadership and Management
- Palliative Care

Health, Sport, and Social Work options

POSTGRADUATE QUALIFICATIONS

Health

Postgraduate Diploma and Certificates:

- Postgraduate Certificate in Health Sciences
- Postgraduate Diploma in Child and Family Pschology
- Postgraduate Diploma in Clinical Psychology
- Postgraduate Diploma in Health Sciences

Masters:

- Master of Counselling
- Master of Health Sciences
- Master of Health Sciences Professional Practice
- Master of Public Health

Doctorates:

- Doctor of Health Sciences
- Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)

Social Work

Masters:

- Master of Social Work (Applied)
- Master of Social Work

Sport

Postgraduate Diploma and Certificates:

- Postgraduate Certificate in Sport Science
- Postgraduate Diploma in Sport Science

Masters:

- Master of Sport Science

Interested in Postgraduate study?

Learn more about whats on offer at UC.

Master of Social Work (Applied)

If you're passionate about helping communities overcome barriers and already have an approved social science degree, then the Master of Social Work (Applied) is an opportunity to further study a recognised professional qualification over two years. This degree is a combination of coursework, practical fieldwork, and research. This degree opens up more than just community work; you can take your knowledge into policy-making, health promotion, and counselling.

Undergraduate programmes

Qualification	Intakes	Duration	Points	Cost per year *
Bachelor of Health	Feb or July	3 years	360	$41,975
Bachelor of Social Work with Honours	Feb	4 years	480	$33,550
Bachelor of Sport	Feb or July	3 years	360	$34,100– $37,413
Certificate in Health	Feb or July	6 months	60	$19,300
Certificate in Sport Coaching	Feb or July	6 months	60	$17,050
Diploma in Health	Feb or July	1 year	120	$38,600
Graduate Certificate in Health	Feb or July	6 months	60	$21,550
Graduate Certificate in Sport Coaching	Feb or July	6 months	60	$17,050
Graduate Diploma in Health	Feb or July	1 year	120	$43,100

* Indicative fees only

Postgraduate programmes

Qualification	Description	Intake	Duration	Points	Tuition fees *
Postgraduate Certificate in Counselling Studies	Develop your counselling knowledge and skills to work more effectively with clients, students, or colleagues. Also offered through Tuihono UC | UC Online.	Feb	6 months	60	$22,650
Postgraduate Certificate in Health Science	This Certificate gives health professionals and others interested in the health sector the chance to critically examine a range of significant issues in health sciences, and where relevant to improve their professional practice.	Feb or July	6 months	60	$22,650
Postgraduate Certificate in Palliative Care	Gain the knowledge needed to provide a holistic approach to the assessment, planning, implementation, and evaluation of the needs of patients and whānau living with a life-limiting condition.	Feb or July	6 months	60	$22,650
Postgraduate Certificate in Sport Science	Gain expertise in a career in the sporting industry, or allows those already the in the field an opportunity to upskill and update their sport science knowledge.	Feb or July	6 months	60	$22,650
Postgraduate Diploma in Child and Family Psychology	This professional qualification is designed to help you become registered child and family psychologists with the New Zealand Psychologists' Board. Entry is limited to 12 places — applications close on 1 October.	Feb	3 years	270	$101,925
Postgraduate Diploma in Clinical Psychology	Professional qualification in Clinical Psychology and the first of its kind in New Zealand. It is made up of a strong practical component, which facilitates a greater understanding of real people and their experiences, and skill development.	Feb	3 years	264	$99,660
Postgraduate Diploma in Health Sciences	A great option if you are employed or seeking employment in a health-related field, the social services, or local or central government. You will complete a programme of advanced, specialised study and receive their qualification either unendorsed or endorsed in Environmental Health, Health Behaviour Change, Health Information Management, Health Leadership and Management, Nursing, Palliative Care, and Taha Hinengaro Health and Wellbeing Practice.	Feb or July	1 year	120	$45,300
Postgraduate Diploma in Public Health	Build a strong foundation in public health practice and policy.	Feb	1 year	120	$45,300

Qualification	Description	Intake	Duration	Points	Tuition fees *
Postgraduate Diploma in Sport Science	Develop expertise in the sporting industry and upskill on sporting knowledge for further career opportunities.	Feb or July	1 year	120	$45,300
Master of Counselling C R	This is the only master's counselling degree in the South Island and uses a solution-focused model of counselling. You will learn to identify and use systematic, effective ways to help clients. Entry is limited. Applications close 1st October.	Feb	2–4 years	240	$90,600
Master of Health Sciences R	You may either follow a general programme, or focus on a specialisation and receive your qualification endorsed in one of several areas, like health leadership and management.	Feb or July	2 years	240	$90,600
Master of Health Sciences Professional Practice C	This degree can be awarded unendorsed or endorsed in Environment and Health, Health and Community, Health Behaviour Change, Health Information Management, Health Leadership and Management, and Palliative Care.	Feb or July	18 months	180	$67,950
Master of Public Health C	With a strong applied component, you will be work-ready and able to critically apply your skills to real-world public health issues in Aotearoa New Zealand and globally.	Feb	18 months	180	$67,950
Master of Social Work R	This degree is ideal for those with specialist practice, supervisory, management, or policy analysis and development responsibilities.	First day of month	1 year	120	$34,000
Master of Social Work (Applied) C R	Allows those with an approved social science degree to complete a recognised professional qualification. The programmes can be completed on a part-time basis.	Feb	2 years	240	$68,000
Master of Sport Science C R	This Master's offers sport science research insights from experts within and outside of UC, in areas such as high performance exercise physiology and biomechanics.	Feb or July	18 months	180	$67,950
Doctor of Health Science R	The Doctor of Health Sciences consists of a research portfolio and thesis.	Feb	4–6 years	360	$45,300 per 120 points
Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) R	The PhD comprises advanced research presented in a thesis.	First day of month	3–4 years	360	$8,570–$10,321 per 120 points

* Indicative fees only

C Coursework qualification

R Research qualification

C R Coursework plus research qualification

D Distance learning options available

International tuition fees
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Law and Criminal Justice

UC Law is one of Aotearoa New Zealand's leading law schools, consistently ranking in the top 200 law schools worldwide, and combines academic and practical legal skills.

LAW RANKINGS

Top 200

in the world for Law*

*QS World University Rankings by subject, 2025

Apply today

Sign up to MyUC to begin your admissions application.

myuc.canterbury.ac.nz/login

Connect your learning to the world

We have a strong reputation in traditional areas of law, but also offer innovative courses investigating the ways law intersects with Antarctica, the media, technology, sport, and medicine, and a comprehensive clinical legal programme.

Our one of a kind Criminal Justice qualifications also have a strong vocational focus, and can lead to careers in law enforcement, corrections, offender rehabilitation, working with young offenders, criminal law, security, and border control.

WHAT LAW OFFERS

1st

UC Bachelor of Criminal Justice degree is the 1st of its kind in Aotearoa New Zealand.

140+

UC Law has been producing outstanding legal graduates for 140+ years.

Find out more about Law.

UC's Faculty of Law has a wide range of degrees and qualifications.

Law in practice

Your law studies will involve:

- Field trips
- Volunteering with community law and legal services
- Student led projects (eg Prison Education Project)
- Community and clinical work experience through Law internships
- Moot, debating competitions

Join our vibrant community

UC invites you to explore 160+ clubs, including seven clubs in Law and Criminal Justice.

ucsa.org.nz/clubs

Apply for a scholarship

UC offers Dean's Awards available to all international students, and the High Achievers Scholarship (HAS) for prospective students from China, India and Southeast Asia. We also offer scholarships for specific faculty, country of origin, and level of study. To find out more please go to page 65.

SCHOLARSHIP

Your passion, our support

University of Canterbury International Law PhD Scholarship

Criteria:
Doctoral students who wish to undertake a research doctoral degree in International Law in conjunction with the UC Faculty of Law. One recipient at a time.

Value:
$34,000 per year. This includes tuition fees and cost of living allowance payments.

Level of study:
Doctoral

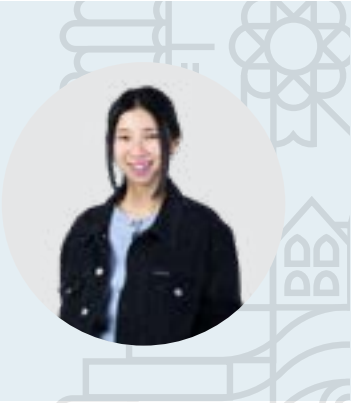
Duration:
Up to 360 points and a maximum of three years of study.



"I like that I get to focus on my interests like international criminal law. The lecturers and professors have been very supportive in helping me learn and understand. I got great insight into New Zealand politics from a class field trip to Wellington where we got to meet some key ministers and MPs."

PEARLY
MALAYSIA

Master of Laws in International Law and Politics



Feature programmes

Bachelor of Laws (LLB)

The Bachelor of Laws degree (LLB) is a professional 4-year degree. Our compulsory courses are prescribed by the New Zealand Council of Legal Education (NZCLE) and meet the criteria set by NZCLE for courses that qualify for the examination and practical legal training of our students wishing to be admitted as barristers and solicitors in New Zealand.

In the first year, you will learn about the legal systems in New Zealand and build your foundational skills in legal research and writing. With good grades in LAWS101 and LAWS110 (normally at least a B), you can advance into 200-level Law courses, all of which are subject to limited entry.

Bachelor of Criminal Justice

The Bachelor of Criminal Justice is a 3-year programme which involves understanding the law and psychology behind crime, its causes, and the treatment of convicted offenders. UC is the only University in New Zealand that offers a degree in criminal justice with innovative practical teaching.

Study postgraduate

UC offers a wide range of opportunities for postgraduate studies and is ranked as one of the world's top 200 law schools. UC Law has a strong reputation in the fields of international law and governance and offers a master's programme in International Law and Politics.

Feature programmes

Master of Laws by thesis (LLM)

The LLM by thesis gives you the flexibility to thoroughly research an area of particular interest. A thesis is a significant piece of research of 35,000 to 50,000 words.

LLM students develop in-depth expertise in particular fields of legal specialisation. You will get the chance to undertake research under experts in their field, based at one of New Zealand's oldest law faculties.

You must have a Bachelor of Laws with a minimum B+ grade average.

Undergraduate Law options

BACHELOR OF LAWS

Specialising in

(3rd and 4th year only)

- Commercial Law and Litigation
- Community Law
- Criminal Law
- Employment and Industrial Law
- Environmental Law
- General Legal Practice
- Information, Media, and Technological Law
- International Law
- International Criminal Law
- Property and Resource Management Law
- Public Law
- Law and Sport
- Law and Medicine
- Gender and the Law
- Genetics, Neuroscience and the Law
- Artificial Intelligence and the Law
- Disasters Law
- Trial Advocacy
- Fintech and the Law

Interested in Law?

Postgraduate Law options

POSTGRADUATE QUALIFICATIONS

Law

Postgraduate Diploma and Certificates:

- Graduate Certificate in Laws
- Graduate Diploma in Laws
- Postgraduate Certificate in International Law and Politics

Masters:

- Master of Laws (LLM) by thesis
- Master of Laws (LLM) in International Law and Politics

Doctorates:

- Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)

Criminal Justice

Postgraduate Diploma and Certificates:

- Graduate Diploma in Criminal Justice
- Postgraduate Diploma in Criminal Justice
- Postgraduate Certificate in Criminal Justice

Masters:

- Master of Criminal Justice

Interested in Postgraduate study?

Learn more about whats on offer at UC.

Master of Laws (International Law and Politics)

This is a one-year programme designed for Law graduates, graduates from related degrees, or those with relevant work experience to meet a growing interest in multi-disciplinary study in international law and politics.

Our graduates work for international organisations such as the United Nations, government departments such as foreign ministries, international law firms, and international non-governmental organisations. Students take courses in international law and international politics plus a dissertation.

You must have a Bachelor of Laws with a minimum B grade average or two years relevant work experience for entry into the degree.



Undergraduate programmes

Qualification	Intakes	Duration	Points	Cost per year *
Bachelor of Laws	Feb	4 years	480	$38,570
Bachelor of Criminal Justice	Feb	3 years	360	$37,890
Certificate in Criminal Justice	Feb or July	6 months	60	$17,050

Graduate and Postgraduate programmes

Qualification	Description	Intake	Duration	Points	Tuition fees *
Graduate Certificate in Laws	Broaden and upskill in specialised areas of law, such as international criminal law, Tikanga Māori, Intellectual Property (IP) law. This Certificate is also a great option for those with a Law degree from overseas, or internationally qualified practitioners, to meet academic requirements for admission as a Barrister and Solicitor of the High Court of New Zealand.	Feb or July	6–24 months	60	$20,150
Graduate Diploma in Criminal Justice	Complement and extend your undergraduate studies with further study in Criminal Justice. Ideal for a range of criminal justice sector occupations, and also for those currently employed within the sector who seek to have a professionally relevant graduate qualification.	Feb or July	1–2 years	120	$34,100
Graduate Diploma in Laws	Broaden and upskill in specialised areas of law, such as media and technology law, commercial law and litigation, employment law. This is a great option if you have a Law degree from overseas, or are an internationally qualified practitioner, to meet academic requirements for admission as a Barrister and Solicitor of the High Court of New Zealand.	Feb or July	1 year	120	$40,300

* Indicative fees only

Qualification	Description	Intake	Duration	Points	Tuition fees *
Postgraduate Certificate in Criminal Justice	This programme is particularly suited to those already working in criminal justice fields and wanting to upskill, or as a pathway into our postgraduate Criminal Justice research programmes.	Feb or July	6 months	60	$19,100
Postgraduate Certificate in International Law and Politics	Grow your expertise in international law with courses on process, actions, and challenges with politics on the world stage. Specialise in specific areas such as in World Trade Law or Human Rights Law.	Feb or July	2 years	60	$18,950
Postgraduate Diploma in Criminal Justice	Builds on your knowledge of the criminal justice sector with practical, professional skills in research and policy analysis, biculturalism, and crime and rehabilitation theories.	Feb or July	1 year	120	$38,200
Master of Criminal Justice C R	The Master of Criminal Justice is a relevant qualification if you are seeking employment in a range of criminal justice sector occupations and professions, including Police, Corrections, the Ministry of Justice, and in policy development and social service roles.	Feb	1 year	180	$57,300
Master of Laws R	The Master of Laws (LLM) degree offers a choice of over 40 topics for specialised research where you can study by thesis alone. In certain circumstances and with approval, students enrolled for the LLM by Thesis can transfer to the PhD degree. If you are interested in the LLM by Thesis, then please send a research proposal (approx. 500 words) so that we can see if we have supervisory capacity.	Start anytime	1 year	120	$43,850
Master of Laws (International Law and Politics) C R	Designed for students who wish to develop specialist knowledge in international law and politics. You will take courses in international law and international politics, and complete a dissertation. The degree prepares you for a career in the diplomatic service, specialised legal practice, government, international organisations, non-governmental organisations, and the military. While a July start is possible, we encourage you to start in February if possible as the two compulsory courses for the degree are offered in Semester One.	Feb or July	1–2 years	120	$37,900
Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) R	The PhD comprises advanced research presented in a thesis.	First day of month	3–4 years	360	$8,570–$10,321 per 120 points

* Indicative fees only

C Coursework qualification R Research qualification C R Coursework plus research qualification D Distance learning options available

International tuition fees
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University of Canterbury

Science

UC's central location provides a living laboratory for our science students' work. Lab and field work can be part of your studies from day one.

SCIENCE RANKINGS

Top 100

in the world for Geography*

Top 200

in the world for Earth and Marine Science*

*QS World University Rankings by subject, 2025

Apply to Science today

Sign up to MyUC to begin your admissions application.

myuc.canterbury.ac.nz/login

Multidisciplinary projects

You will study at our Rutherford Regional Science and Innovation Centre (RRSIC), a hub for Canterbury's science and innovation network. We are the only New Zealand university that combines multiple science disciplines in one space.

We have teaching and research laboratories for physics, astronomy, chemistry, geological sciences, geography and biological sciences. This means you can work side by side on projects to create new connections and potentially bigger breakthroughs.

WHAT SCIENCE OFFERS

Only NZ University to offer Astronomy from undergraduate level to PhD.

30+

UC Science has more field stations than any other New Zealand university, with more than 30 field trips each year.

Find out more about Science

UC's Faculty of Science has a wide range of degrees and qualifications.



Outdoor laboratories

- 1,775 hectares – UC's Cass Mountain Research Area is the largest university-owned and operated high-country teaching and research area in New Zealand.
- Our courses make extensive use of our field stations in Cass, Harihari, and Westport.
- We operate New Zealand's leading astronomical observatory at Mount John.
- UC Science also runs an experiential weekend as part of UC's Study Abroad programme, you'll have the opportunity to discover Aotearoa New Zealand's spectacular South Island.
- UC also has research connections with Antarctica and Nigeria.

Purpose-built facilities

As well as extensive science laboratories, research hubs and field stations, UC has:

- A Regional Science and Innovation Centre
- On-site clinics
- 24-hour computer labs
- An Engineering and Physical
- Sciences library.

Apply for a scholarship

UC offers Dean's Awards available to all international students, and the High Achievers Scholarship (HAS) for prospective students from China, India and Southeast Asia. We also offer scholarships for specific faculty, country of origin, and level of study. To find out more please go to page 65.

SCHOLARSHIP

Your passion, our support

Vida Stout Scholarship

Criteria:
Students studying in the School of Biological Sciences at the UC for the degree of PhD in the areas of limnology or environmental science, preferably of the South Island.

Value:
$16,000 per year

Level of study:
Doctoral

Duration:
Three years

Accreditations

We offer top science qualifications, illustrated by our numerous accreditations:

Environmental Institute of Australia and New Zealand
Bachelor of Environmental Science with Honours

Royal Society of Biology (UK)
Bachelor of Science in Biological Sciences

NZ College of Clinical Psychologists
Postgraduate Diploma in Clinical Psychology

NZ Audiological Society
Master of Audiology

New Zealand Speech-Language Therapists' Association
Bachelor of Speech and Language Pathology with Honours
Master of Speech and Language Pathology

The Australasian College of Physical Scientists and Engineers in Medicine
Master of Science in Medical Physics

Bachelor of Science

The 3-year Bachelor of Science degree lets you to mix and match across a range of subjects. Choose from 19 Science majors plus minors and courses from other subject areas to give you the opportunity to design your own future.

Bachelor of Speech and Language Pathology with Honours

The BSLP(Hons) is a professional degree accredited by the New Zealand Speech-language Therapists' Association (NZSTA). You will have the opportunity to work with people of all ages at clinics on campus, nationally, and overseas. Fieldwork accounts up to 50% of your coursework depending on the year of study. Entry into the professional years of the degree is based on your first year grades, a personal statement and interview, and your fluency in English.

Bachelor of Data Science

The first year of your degree introduces you to programming, mathematics, statistics, and computer science. You will do lab work and group projects. In the final year, you complete a research project aimed at solving a particular industry or community problem.

Bachelor of Environmental Science with Honours

The Bachelor of Environmental Science with Honours is accredited by the Environment Institute of Australia and New Zealand (EIANZ). It is a career-focused degree that will prepare you with skills to solve environmental and sustainability challenges.

Bachelor of Psychological Sciences

You will examine how brains function, and how and why changes in our environment, culture, and relationships can influence our behaviour and overall wellbeing. You will be able to focus your study in a particular area of psychology such as forensic psychology, Māori and Indigenous perspectives, neuroscience and cognition, psychological wellbeing, psychology for common good, or workplace psychology.

Undergraduate Science options

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Interested in Science?

Majors

- Astronomy
- Biochemistry
- Biological Sciences
- Chemistry
- Computer Science
- Economics
- Environmental Science
- Finance
- Financial Engineering
- Geography
- Geology
- Linguistics
- Mathematical Science Education
- Mathematics
- Medicinal Chemistry
- Philosophy
- Psychology
- Statistics

BACHELOR OF DATA SCIENCE

Majors

- Bioinformatics
- Business Analytics
- Computational Linguistics
- Data Science
- Population Health Data Science
- Spatial Data Science

BACHELOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE WITH HONOURS

Majors

- Ecosystem Health and Biosecurity
- Environmental Change
- Environmental Contanination
- Environmental Hazards and Disasters
- Freshwater
- Sustainable Coasts

"UC has a great research programme. I had such a great Master's experience and received a scholarship to continue my research, so I decided to stay here for my PhD."

DEVYANI
INDIA

Postgraduate Diploma in Applied Data Science



Study postgraduate

Advance your science career with postgraduate study at UC — where research meets real-world impact.

Postgraduate study at UC is designed to be flexible, intellectually stimulating, and deeply rewarding. Choose from qualifications ranging from 6-month programmes to a 4-year PhD, with full or part-time study options available. With access to the greatest number of university field stations in New Zealand, UC enables seamless integration of field and lab work across diverse ecosystems — supporting high-quality, hands-on research.

Feature programmes

Master of Science

Over 30 subjects are available in the Master of Science, from Astronomy to Water Science and Management. In addition to coursework where you can specialise in areas of interest, you can also conduct independent and original research. UC is involved in innovative projects with industry and international organisations, funded from both within Aotearoa and internationally.

Master of Applied Data Science

This Master's is designed to accommodate students from a range of backgrounds (not just those with Mathematics, Statistics, and Computer Science majors), who want to enhance or build their data science capabilities and combine these with the skills and knowledge they bring from their previous studies.

Postgraduate Science options

POSTGRADUATE QUALIFICATIONS

Science

Honours:

- Bachelor of Science with Honours

Graduate Diplomas:

- Graduate Diploma in Science
- Graduate Diploma in Psychological Science

Postgraduate Diplomas:

- Postgraduate Diploma in Science
- Postgraduate Diploma in Geospatial Data Science
- Postgraduate Diploma in Organisational Psychology

Postgraduate Certificates:

- Postgraduate Certificate in Antarctic Studies
- Postgraduate Certificate in Geospatial Data Science
- Postgraduate Certificate in Science

Masters:

- Master of Antarctic Studies
- Master of Audiology
- Master of Disaster Risk and Resilience
- Master of Geospatial Data Science
- Master of Science
- Master of Speech and Language Pathology
- Master of Urban Resilience and Renewal
- Master of Water Science and Management
- Professional Master of Engineering Geology

Doctorates:

- Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)

Interested in Postgraduate study?

Learn more about whats on offer at UC.

Learn to provide insights into future trends from analysing past and current data. Enhance your knowledge with our on-site research centres such as the Geospatial Research Institute, Human Interface Technology Laboratory New Zealand, and Wireless Research Centre, among others.

Undergraduate programmes

Qualification	Intakes	Duration	Points	Cost per year *
Bachelor of Data Science	Feb or July	3 years	360	$42,080
Bachelor of Environmental Science with Honours	Feb or July	4 years	480	$41,955
Bachelor of Psychological Sciences	Feb or July	3 years	360	$41,320
Bachelor of Science	Feb or July	3 years	360	$43,080
Bachelor of Speech and Language Pathology with Honours	Feb	4 years	480	$42,290 (first year) $46,960 (2-4year)
Certificate in Science	Feb or July	6 months	20	$21,550
Diploma in Science	Feb or July	1 year	120	$43,100

* Indicative fees only

Graduate and Postgraduate programmes

Qualification	Description	Intake	Duration	Points	Tuition fees *
Bachelor of Science with Honours C R	This programme of study includes a 30 point research project undertaken in the major subject of the degree. This can be a helpful introduction to developing research skills for further study.	Feb or July	1 year	120	$45,300
Graduate Diploma in Psychological Science	This programme offers students with an existing degree the opportunity to create a programme of study that can build your understanding in the field and lead to postgraduate psychology study.	Feb or July	1 year	120	$43,100
Graduate Diploma in Science	This Diploma is designed to enable you to qualify for other postgraduate qualifications in science, or to extend or upgrade your existing qualification/s.	Feb or July	1 year	120	$43,100
Postgraduate Certificate in Antarctic Studies	Examine major scientific and environmental themes, as well as contemporary topics such as the social, political, and legal issues facing Antarctica.	July	6 months	60	$22,650
Postgraduate Certificate in Geospatial Data Science	Equip yourself with a foundational knowledge of geospatial science and technology at postgraduate level. It can be a stepping-stone to a professional master's degree or a one year professional qualification.	Feb or July	6 months	60	$22,650
Postgraduate Certificate in Science	This certificate is an ideal option for those wanting professional development in their scientific field, and for those with other commitments who cannot complete an extensive science programme.	Feb or July	6 months	60	$22,650
Postgraduate Diploma in Geospatial Data Science	This diploma provides experience and knowledge of geospatial science and technology. Prepare for entry-level geospatial roles, and also for further postgraduate study.	Feb	1 year	120	$45,300
Postgraduate Diploma in Organisational Psychology	Great option if you are looking to have a positive impact by working with individuals as well as teams and organisations to become registered psychologists and have a broader impact on human performance and mental health.	Feb	1 year	120	$45,300
Postgraduate Diploma in Science	This qualification builds on subjects that you took at undergraduate level. It can be used for professional development, or if you want more in depth knowledge in a particular area.	Feb or July	1 year	120	$45,300
Master of Antarctic Studies C R	Combining work with an Antarctic partner organisation, coursework, and an Antarctic-related research dissertation, you will gain a 360-degree view of Antarctic issues. Ideal for careers requiring a solid background in Antarctic science or policy.	Nov	1 year	180	$67,950
Master of Audiology C R	Focuses on training professional clinical audiologists with an emphasis on the development of clinical and administrative skills relating to the practice of audiology.	Feb	2 years	240	$90,600
Master of Disaster Risk and Resilience C R	This degree provides an introduction to a rapidly evolving interdisciplinary field. You will gain an understanding of current disaster risk and resilience research and practice fields; disaster risk drivers, risk communication, and disaster risk reduction strategies; and disaster resilience-building theory and practices.	Feb	1 year	180	$65,100

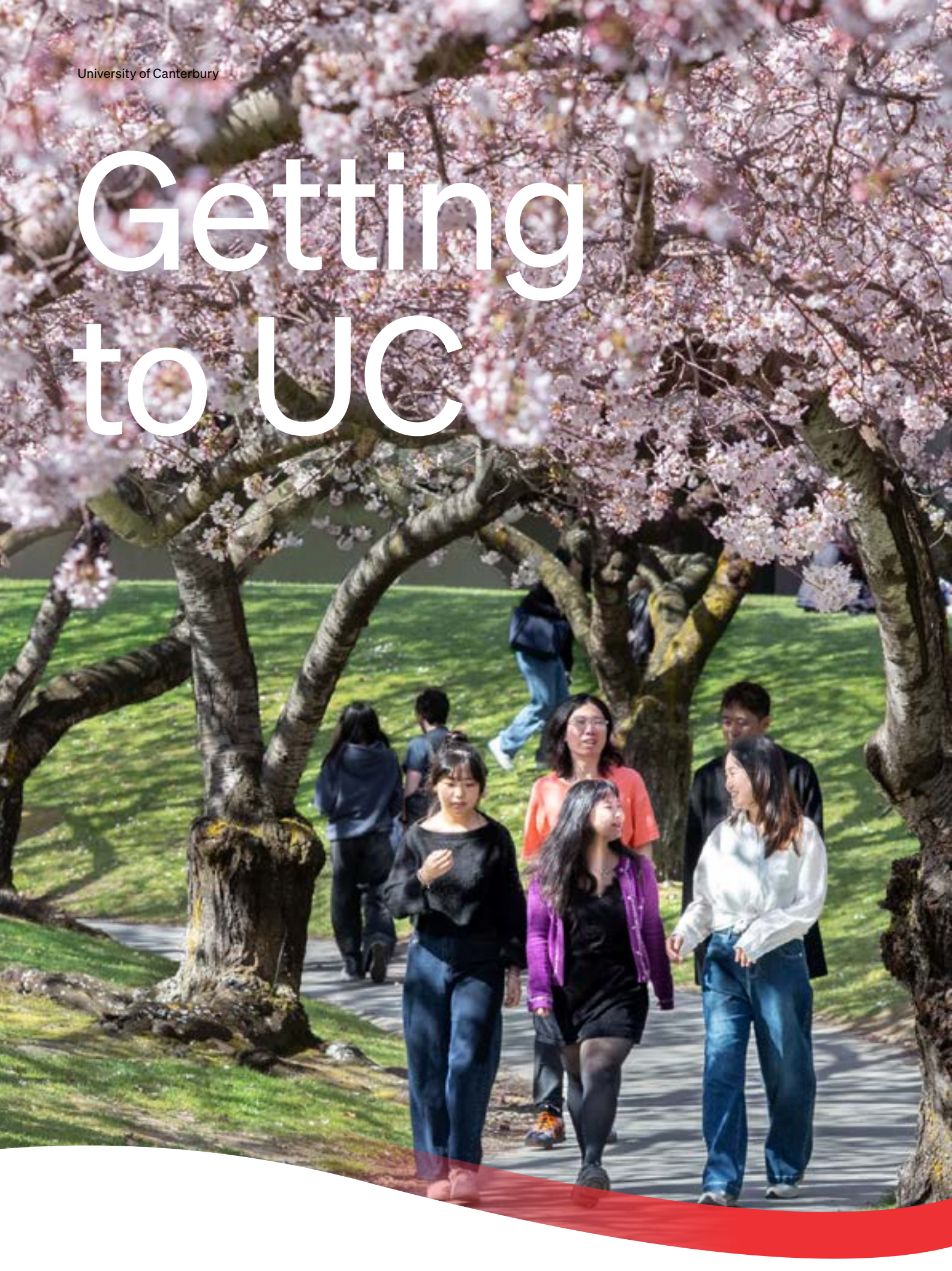
Qualification	Description	Intake	Duration	Points	Tuition fees *
Master of Geospatial Data Science C R	This Master's equips professionals with the advanced skills required for geospatial leadership roles.	Feb	1 year	180	$67,950
Master of Science C R	This degree allows you to conduct independent and original research in over 30 subjects. See a full list of our 30+ MSc subjects at canterbury.ac.nz/study/qualifications-and-courses/masters-degrees/master-of-science	varies	1–2 years	240	$90,600
Master of Speech and Language Pathology C R	This professional qualification is accredited by the New Zealand Speech-Language Therapists' Association. It includes clinical experience with clients of all ages. Study areas include swallowing, fluency and voice, clinical linguistics, and speech and language development and disorders.	Feb	2 years	240	$86,800
Master of Urban Resilience and Renewal C R	This Master's focuses on how communities respond to challenges that cities are facing around the world. You will engage with community groups and local government through coursework and a research project.	Feb	1 year	180	$67,950
Master of Water Science and Management C R	You will gain specialist knowledge, the ability to work in interdisciplinary teams and experience in community engagement. Learn to work as water scientists and decision makers in the public and private sectors.	Feb	1 year	180	$67,950
Professional Master of Engineering Geology	This degree is the only programme of its kind in Australasia. Engineering Geology is multidisciplinary applying geological sciences to engineering work, identifying and mitigating geological hazards, and aspects of land-use planning.	Feb	1 year	180	$65,100
Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) R	The PhD comprises advanced research presented in a thesis.	First day of month	3–4 years	360	$8,570–$10,321 per 120 points

* Indicative fees only

C Coursework qualification R Research qualification C R Coursework plus research qualification

International tuition fees
The tuition fees listed are indicative only and actual fees may vary depending on the programme of study.

Getting to UC



Scholarships

Applying for a scholarship



1

Search the database

Filter by:

- Level of Study
- Faculty area
- 'International Student'
- Award Type

Also check out External Scholarships and funding **www.canterbury.ac.nz/study/getting-started/scholarships/external-scholarships**

2



Check your eligibility

Please check each scholarship's regulations to determine if you are eligible for the scholarship you are interested in.

Level of Study

- Currently studying at secondary level in New Zealand
- Currently studying at UCIC but intend to enrol at UC the following year
- Planning on studying any undergraduate degree at UC but are still overseas
- Planning on studying any postgraduate degree at UC but are still overseas

Other criteria

Area:

- subject/course
- level
- degree

Applicant:

- citizenship
- age
- gender
- school
- region

3



Check closing dates

Scholarships typically open 8 weeks before their stated closing date. Check back in often as our scholarships are regularly updated and new ones may become available.



4

Complete and submit your application

Create a MyUC account to access the scholarship application system and submit an application. See our 'Apply for a UC Scholarship' webpage: **www.canterbury.ac.nz/study/getting-started/scholarships/apply-for-scholarship** for further detailed instructions on how to apply.

Key general scholarships

- UC Dean's Award
- UC International First Year Scholarships
- High Achievers Awards
- Manaaki NZ scholarships

Key country of origin scholarships

- Offshore/ UCIC Scholarships

Key postgraduate scholarships

- China Scholarship Council PhD Scholarship
- UC Doctoral Scholarship.



Key faculty scholarships

Please visit each Faculty section to find out about key scholarships for each discipline.

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Scholarships

Search our available scholarships and apply online.

Pathways to UC

UC International College (UCIC)

UC International College (UCIC) delivers direct and exclusive pathways for international students to the University of Canterbury. UCIC is proud to be celebrating 10 years of partnership with the University of Canterbury in supporting international students in achieving success in their studies and beyond.

All UCIC programmes are delivered on the University campus, giving students a university experience from day 1 of their journey. Upon successful completion of their UCIC programme, students will transfer into the first or second year of their UC degree.

UCIC programmes are moderated by UC to ensure the highest academic quality.

UCIC offers a fully integrated pathway experience for international students.

Undergraduate pathways (UCIC)

- Certificate in Foundation Studies
- Diploma in University Studies

Pre-master's pathways (UCIC)

- Pre-master's one
- Pre-master's two

admissions@ucic.ac.nz

Certificate in Foundation Studies	
Entry requirements	IELTS 5.5 (with no band below 5.0)*
Fees	NZ$27,470**
Start dates	11 February 2026 10 June 2026 7 October 2026
Duration	8 months
Location	On-campus UC International College (UCIC)
Outcomes	The foundations course replaces the final year of high school, providing a focussed pathway into any UC bachelor's degree alongside a supportive and immersive university life on campus experience in New Zealand.

Diploma in University Studies	
Entry requirements	IELTS 5.5 (with no band below 5.0)*
Fees	NZ$36,100** (Commerce pathway) NZ$43,944** (Engineering pathway) NZ$44,476** (Science pathway)
Start dates	11 February 2026 10 June 2026 7 October 2026
Duration	12 months
Location	On-campus UC International College (UCIC)
Outcomes	Upon completion of your International Year One you will receive a Diploma in University Studies and will continue on to the second year of your intended bachelor's degree in Science, Commerce, Engineering, or Data Science.

Pre-Master's One	
Entry requirements	– Hold a bachelor's degree – IELTS 6.0 (with no band below 5.5)
Fees	NZ$17,050**
Start dates	11 February 2026 7 October 2026
Duration	16 weeks
Location	On-campus UC International College (UCIC)
Outcomes	Upon completion of the pre-master's programme, you will be guaranteed entry to a range of master's degrees across Business, Engineering, Science, Health, Education, and Arts disciplines.***

Pre-Master's Two	
Entry requirements	– Hold an advanced diploma or associate degree – IELTS 6.0 (with no band below 5.5)
Fees	NZ$34,000**
Start dates	11 February 2026 7 October 2026
Duration	32 weeks
Location	Semester 1: UC International College (UCIC) Semester 2: taught by UC
Outcomes	Upon completion of the pre-master's programme, with a minimum GPA requirement, you will be guaranteed entry to a range of master's degrees across Business, Engineering, Science, Health, Education, and Arts disciplines.***

* International student entry varies by country and/or region. See your countries specific requirements: https://www.ucic.ac.nz/admissions/entry-requirements/academic/

** This fee is indicative only and does not include additional costs such as course materials, insurance, and levies. Prices include GST where applicable.

*** Please check that the end date of your pre-master's programme aligns with the start date of your preferred master's degree. Most master's degrees have a February and/or July start date.

English language programmes

Courses are delivered on campus in Christchurch. Programmes include General English, IELTS Preparation, and English for Academic Purposes (EAP).

Christchurch College of English

Students who successfully complete an EAP 2 programme at CCEL (and meet University of Canterbury's (UC) academic entry requirements) may transfer to UC's degree programmes.

Contact study@ccel.co.nz for more information or visit ccel.co.nz.

UCIC entry requirements

To enter UCIC programmes, students must meet both the academic and English language requirements.

www.ucic.ac.nz/admissions/entry-requirements

UC International College (UCIC)

UCIC offers direct, exclusive on campus pathways to UC for Arts, Commerce, Engineering, and Science undergraduate programmes.

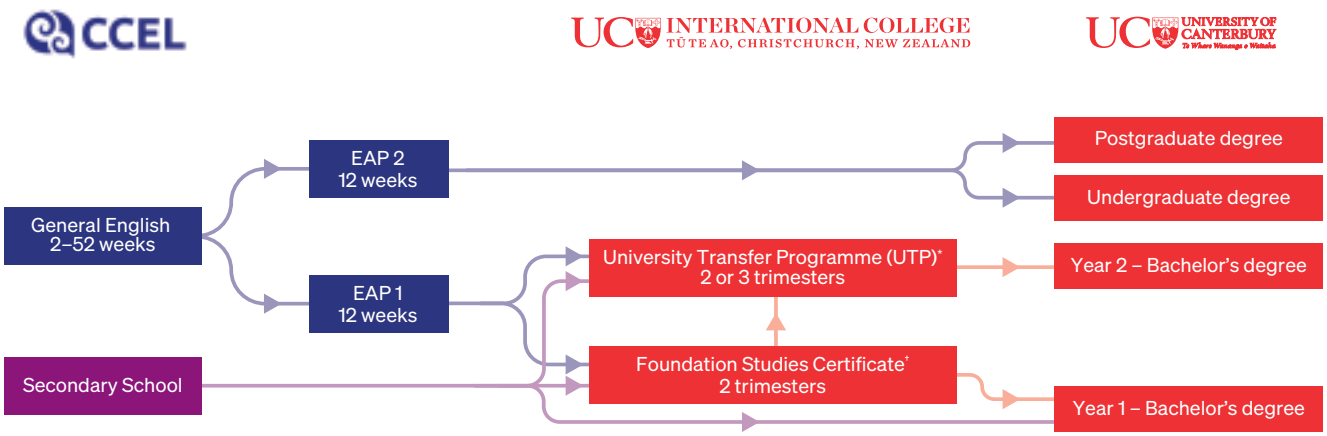
English Language programmes (EAP at CCEL)

EAP 1	
Entry requirements	IELTS 5.0 (or equivalent) The EAP 1 level assessment can be taken overseas before arrival.
Fees	NZ$5,184 (indicative)*
Start dates	24 February 9 June 13 October
Duration	12 weeks
Hours	20 hours per week + 5 hours per week of optional independent learning
Location	On campus and online (for overseas students) provided by CCEL
Outcomes	By completing the EAP 1 programme, you will meet the English Language requirements of UC's international undergraduate pathway programmes.

* Plus additional costs such as enrolment, materials, and exams.

EAP 2	
Entry requirements	IELTS 5.5 or 6.0 Depending on your planned university study following the completion of EAP2.
Fees	NZ$6,080 (indicative)*
Start dates	24 March 30 June 13 October
Duration	12 weeks
Hours	20 hours per week + 5 hours per week of optional independent learning
Location	On campus and online (for overseas students) provided by CCEL
Outcomes	Upon successful completion of the EAP 2 programme you will meet UC's minimum English language requirements. Depending on your GPA you will then be able to apply to selected bachelor's degrees, postgraduate degrees, master's degrees, or doctoral degrees at UC.

Guide to international pathways to UC



*UTP is equivalent to Year 1 of the relevant degree from UC. Successful students then pathway to Year 2.
†Foundation Studies Certificate pathways to Year 1 of degree at UC or to UTP, dependent on grades.

Helpful links

UCIC entry requirements	
Academic requirements	www.ucic.ac.nz/admissions/entry-requirements/academic
English requirements	www.ucic.ac.nz/admissions/entry-requirements/english
Enrolment conditions	www.ucic.ac.nz/admissions/entry-requirements/enrolment-conditions/
Application checklist	www.ucic.ac.nz/admissions/entry-requirements/application-checklist/
NCEA School Leaver Pathway Requirements	www.ucic.ac.nz/wp-content/uploads/UCIC180306-1632-High-School-Poster-A3P_AW-2025-1.pdf

Diploma in University Studies (DipUS)	
DipUS: Commerce	www.ucic.ac.nz/study/programmes/university-transfer-programme-commerce/
DipUS: Science	www.ucic.ac.nz/study/programmes/university-transfer-programme-science/
DipUS: Engineering	www.ucic.ac.nz/study/programmes/university-transfer-programme-engineering

UC Undergraduate entry requirements

Undergraduate degree

Education system	Entry requirements for undergraduate study
Australia	Year 12 Certificate and ATAR of 74 or higher; or Queensland OP at 12 or lower; or UNSW Foundation — Average C grade (6.5) or better overall
Brazil	One year of successful study towards an undergraduate degree at a recognised university in Brazil
Cambridge International Examinations. (Cie)	canterbury.ac.nz/enrol/eligibility
Canada	canterbury.ac.nz/enrol/eligibility

Education system	Entry requirements for undergraduate study
China	Completed Gaokao with a Tier One score from related provincial authorities; or Completed one year of successful study (70% average) towards a four-year bachelor's degree at a recognised university; or Completed a Diploma from a recognised university requiring no less than two years to complete (70% average, the Diploma must have sufficient academic content. Applications are considered on a case by case basis)
Fiji	Fiji Form Seven Examination/Fiji Year 13 Certificate: a total of at least 250 out of 400 over four relevant subjects, with a minimum of 50 in English USP Foundation Year: Successful completion of the USP Foundation Year programme with a grade average of B or higher, and no grades less than C, in the eight required courses
France	Baccalauréat Diploma
Gce 'A' Levels	3 A-levels with one A-level at Grade C or above. A result in General Studies cannot be included (Sri Lankan students should refer to Sri Lanka)
Germany	Abitur: Students who have achieved a grade of 13 in the English language paper of the Abitur examination are exempt from taking one of the standard English language tests as proof of their competence in English
Hong Kong	Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education: Holders of the Diploma must present a score of 15, based on aggregate of the student's best five subjects (at an average Level 3 in each subject) from any combination of Core and Category A and C electives but excluding Category B (Applied Learning) subjects
India	Completed 12 years of high school and achieved the following: • An overall average of 75% in Indian School Certificate (ISC) from CISCE or All-India Senior School Certificate (AISSC) from CBSE with a minimum of 60% in English or • An overall academic score of 75% with a minimum English score of 60% from one of the following three Indian State Board Year 12 qualifications : Maharashtra, Karnataka and West Bengal or • An overall academic score of 80% with a minimum English score of 65% from all other Indian State Boards
Indonesia	One year of successful study towards an undergraduate degree at a recognised University in Indonesia; or Completion of SMU III with average score of 8.5 or more
International Baccalaureate (Ib)	Successful completion of International Baccalaureate Diploma
Japan	One year of successful study toward an undergraduate degree at a recognised university in Japan; or Completion of a Junior College Diploma of 2–3 years duration (Applicants with a Junior College Diploma are likely to gain admission to a general degree programme only); or High School Diploma with a minimum average 3.5
Malaysia	STPM: Three passes at Principal level (no lower than C) including one at B grade or better; or UEC: A maximum of 20 points over five academic subjects. (Calculated on the basis that A1 = 1 point, A2 = 2 points, B3 = 3 points etc) Students who have achieved a grade of 4B or better in O-level English (SPM1119) are exempt from taking one of the standard English language tests as proof of their competence in English Malaysian Matrikulation Certificate: Minimum GPA of 2.5. (Calculated on the basis that A=4.0, A-=3.67, B+=3.33, B=3.0, B-=2.67, C+=2.33, C=2.0, C-=1.67, D+=1.33, D=1.0, F=0)
Aotearoa New Zealand (University Entrance Through NCEA)	**NCEA Level 3** Three subjects — at Level 3 made up of: • 14 credits in each of three approved subjects is required Literacy — 10 credits at Level 2 or above made up of: • 5 credits in reading • 5 credits in writing Numeracy — 10 credits at Level 1 or above made up of: • Achievement standards — specified achievement standards available through a range of subjects, or • Unit standards — package of three numeracy unit standards (26623, 26626, 26627 — all three required)
Pakistan	One year of successful study towards an undergraduate degree at a recognised university in Pakistan
Philippines	One year of successful study towards an undergraduate degree at a recognised University in the Philippines
Russia	One year of successful study towards an undergraduate degree at a recognised university in Russia

Education system	Entry requirements for undergraduate study
Saudi Arabia	One year of successful study towards an undergraduate degree at a recognised university in Saudi Arabia; or Associate Degree with a GPA of 3.00/5.00 or 2.00/4.00 at a recognised institution
Singapore	NUS High School Diploma or Singapore GCE A levels: a minimum of three H2 passes at C grade
Solomon Islands	Three or more B grades in the South Pacific Form Seven Certificate All students must have grade 5 or better in PSSC English (for literacy) and grade 6 or better in PSSC maths (for numeracy)
South Africa	Applicants must have completed the National Senior Certificate and be eligible to enrol in a bachelor's degree at a South African university
South Korea	One year of successful study towards an undergraduate degree at a recognised Korean university; or Korean University Entrance Examination with a minimum acceptable score of 250
South Pacific Countries	South Pacific Form 7 Certificate with 3 or more B grades in academic subjects with a minimum Grade 5 in PSSC English (for literacy) and Grade 6 in PSSC Maths (for numeracy)
Sri Lanka	canterbury.ac.nz/enrol/eligibility
Taiwan	A satisfactory standard in Senior High School and a Junior College Diploma of at least two years' duration; or Junior High School and a five year Junior College Diploma; or One year of successful study toward an undergraduate degree at a recognised university in Taiwan
Thailand	One year of successful study towards an undergraduate degree at a recognised university in Thailand; or Completion of Matayom 6 with an average score of 3.2 or higher
United Arab Emirates	One year of successful study towards an undergraduate degree at a recognised university in UAE
United Kingdom	'A' and 'AS' levels GCSE sat in UK: • Five subjects: 2 'A'+ 3 GCSE at Grade C or above; or 2 'A' + 2 'AS' + 1 GCSE at Grade C or above; or 1 'A' + 2 'AS' + 2 GCSE at Grade C or above • Four subjects: 3 'A' + 1 GCSE at Grade C or above; or 3 'A' + 1 'AS'; or 2 'A' + 2 'AS'; or 4 'AS' • Three subjects: 1 'A' + 2 'AS' • Two subjects: 2 'A'
United States Of America	a) High School Diploma or a General Education Development Certificate (GED) with an overall minimum of 580 (145 in each of 4 subjects); and b) SAT result of at least 1160 or a composite ACT score of 24 or better (SAT scores below 1160 may be considered on a case-by-case basis) Note: this refers to the new SAT test which includes the Evidence-Based Reading and Writing and Math Assessment; if you completed the previous SAT test, please contact the UC Global Engagement for details
Vanuatu	Three or more B grades in the South Pacific Form Seven Certificate. All students must have grade 5 or better in VSSC English (for literacy) and grade 6 or better in VSSC maths (for numeracy)
Vietnam	One year of successful study towards an undergraduate degree at a recognised university in Vietnam; or National High School Graduation Certificate with a GPA of 8.0

Please visit **checkwhatyouneed.canterbury.ac.nz** for the admission requirements to UC.

Requirements for admission

Studying at university will be one of the most rewarding challenges you will ever face. At UC, we aim to make it easy and achievable.

How do I gain admission to UC?

There are two main entry requirements to get into UC:

- English language entry requirements
- Academic entry requirements.

Check if you are eligible

Find out more about our Admissions process by visiting our Eligibility page.

English language entry requirements

Before starting your degree at UC, you need to provide evidence of your English skills. You have met the language requirements if you have:

New Zealand University Entrance (UE)

- National Certificate of Educational Achievement (NCEA)
- Cambridge International Examinations (CIE)
- International Baccalaureate (IB)

An overseas entrance qualification

From a country where the main language is English and the instruction for the qualification was also in English.

None of the above

If you do not have the above, you will be required to perform well in one of the approved English language tests listed (right).

- English for Academic Purposes (EAP)
- IELTS (Academic)
- PEARSONS
- TOEFL (iBT)
- Duolingo English Test (DET)

English Language Proficiency

Please visit our English Language Proficency page to find out more about UC's admission requirements

Approved English language test scores for entry to UC

English for Academic Purposes (EAP)	
Undergraduate programmes	EAP 2 grade C+
Graduate diplomas and postgraduate programmes	EAP 2 grade B+
Estimated cost	$6,080 NZD
IELTS (Academic)	
Undergraduate programmes	6.0 overall (no section < 5.5)
Graduate diplomas and postgraduate programmes	6.5 overall (no section < 6.0)
Estimated cost	$475 NZD
PEARSONS (Academic)	
Undergraduate programmes	Overall score of 50 (no section < 42)
Graduate diplomas and postgraduate programmes	Overall score of 58 (no section < 50)
Estimated cost	$410 NZD
TOEFL (iBT)	
Undergraduate programmes	80 overall with 19 in RD, WR, LS
Graduate diplomas and postgraduate programmes	80 overall with 19 in RD, WR, LS
Estimated cost	$380 NZD (approximately or $225 USD)
Duolingo English Test (DET)	
Undergraduate programmes	Minimum total score of 105

Postgraduate qualifications

With 120+ qualifications available in 150 subjects, we are likely to have a graduate or postgraduate qualification that suits your interests and goals.

Applying for a postgraduate qualification

Applying

Please refer to the admissions page for pre applying requirements. When applying for a postgraduate qualification you will need to provide evidence of your previous academic qualification eg, an academic transcript.
canterbury.ac.nz/study/getting-started/admission-and-enrolment

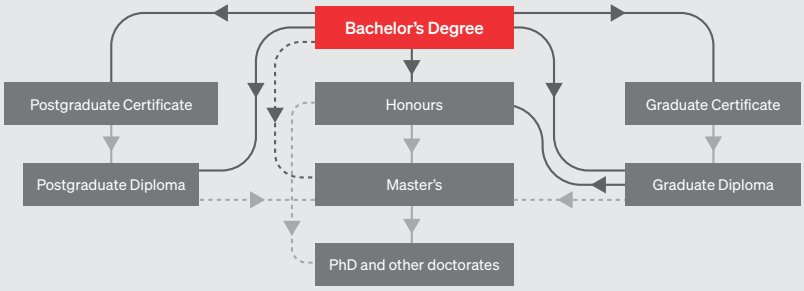
Please also check out the visa rules and options for different levels of study in New Zealand.
canterbury.ac.nz/study/getting-started/admission-and-enrolment/enrolment-topics/student-visas

Alternate pathways

UCIC also offers transitionary courses (premasters) please go to **page 66** to find out more or visit
ucic.ac.nz

For more information when applying for a postgraduate qualification please reach out to one of our agents or our future students team.

Graduate and Postgraduate Pathways



Indicates pathways are possible in some programmes. Please contact the relevant college, school or department or see www.canterbury.ac.nz/courses for individual qualification entry requirements.

Graduate diplomas

Most graduate diplomas enhance the value of your undergraduate degree, or are a first step to a new career or further study. Graduate studies typically involve taking advanced undergraduate courses.

Some graduate qualifications, for example the Graduate Diploma in Teaching and Learning (Early Childhood), are professional qualifications that prepare you for a specific career.

Honours degrees

Honours degrees are often a pathway to further study; if you complete one to a satisfactory standard then you may be able to progress to a master's degree by thesis only. It is typically taking one year of full-time coursework which will include a research component.

Postgraduate diplomas

These qualifications develop higher level understanding and specialist skills, often in the same area as your first degree (and in some instances count prior professional experience for entry consideration).

Master's degrees

UC offers three types of master's degrees:

- research master's
- coursework ("taught") master's
- a combination of both.

A research master's degree advances your knowledge, and enables you to conduct a significant piece of independent research (with supervision). If you are intending to conduct research, you should investigate potential supervisors before applying to study at UC.

A taught master's degree provides a structured programme of courses at an advanced level. In some cases, it can allow you to study a different subject from that of your first degree (and so can facilitate a change of career focus). As well as courses, many offer applied learning opportunities, such as an independent project or industry placement.

PhD

Enrolment in a PhD requires completion of a research-focused honours or master's degree, at First or Second Class (Division I) Honours or Distinction level (or equivalent qualifications).

UC Graduate School

Access wrap-around support at every stage of your study journey, from initial enquiry through to graduation.

Support services

We are proud of our diverse communities at UC, and offer a wide range of support to help you succeed during your time with us.

Find an agent

You can apply directly to UC by creating a MyUC account at myuc.canterbury.ac.nz or through one of our authorised agents. Work with an international network of trusted education agents who can assist you with your application, visa process, and study preparation. To find an official UC partner, please visit:

www.canterbury.ac.nz/international/agents

Academic support

Code of Practice

The Education (Pastoral Care of Tertiary and International Learners) Code of Practice 2021 sets the standard for how New Zealand education providers support students from overseas. The Code ensures institutions offer high-quality care and accurate information, recognise the unique needs of international students, and maintain a safe, welcoming environment in all aspects of student life.

Read the full code of practice at **www2.nzqa.govt.nz/tertiary/the-code**

Academic Skills Centre (ASC)

ASC is a free service that provides writing and study help. Get advice on completing assignments and grammar, and learning in workshops and seminars.

Mentoring

When you join UC's mentoring programmes, you will be matched with an older student who is studying similar subjects to you. Mentors will help you adjust to life on campus, and you can share your experiences with them.

Life on campus

Te Pātaka

Te Pātaka, our student services hub located in the Central Library, is the first place to visit if you need help with things like:

- general enquiries
- enrolment support
- student finance and scholarships
- admissions
- Kaitoko (First-Year Student Advisors)
- academic skills and support
- assistive technology and accessibility
- international student experience
- digital and IT

Rainbow students support

Our Rainbow Leads offer support for all rainbow students, including information about gender affirmation. We have many rainbow clubs on campus such as QCanterbury, Queer in Law, and Rainbow Engineering. We also have a Rainbow Room on campus for students to use as a study, meeting, or social space, and events such as Rainbow Cafe.

Student Care

The Student Care international support team is here for you throughout your studies. Get confidential support for wellbeing, cultural transition, relationships, or any issues affecting your academics. Whether you need advice, someone to talk to, or help navigating life in Aotearoa, you can contact us by drop-in, appointment, or email.

Student Accessibility Service

We have dedicated equity and accessibility teams providing support for Māori, Pacific, rainbow, international, and neurodiverse students. Our student accessibility service ensures there is equal access to facilities and opportunities, extending their services to those with temporary injuries too.

Health and wellbeing

Health Centre

Get quality, affordable healthcare right here at UC's Health Centre. We also have confidential counselling services. There is a physiotherapy clinic on campus as well.

UC Rec and Sport

The UC RecCentre is free to all students. Simply sign up online and use your Canterbury Card to access group fitness classes, the climbing wall, squash or basketball courts, or cardio and weight training areas (some programmes and hires incur extra charges).

Career advice

UC Careers

Our professionally qualified and experienced career consultants and recruitment specialists are here to help students and recent graduates with:

- career development
- CV and cover letter writing
- interview practice
- one-on-one appointments.

Explore resources available to you when you become a UC student.

Where will I live?

UC offers a safe, welcoming, and affordable lifestyle that balances study and recreation. With mountains, beaches, and outdoor adventures nearby, it is a dynamic and inspiring place to live and learn.



We recommend you look for accommodation as soon as you accept your offer to study at UC.

Before arriving in Christchurch

Ensure you have booked accommodation before arriving in Christchurch. Check our website for information on arranging transport to your accommodation.

Other accommodation options

Students under the age of 18 on arrival must apply for homestay, a fully-catered hall of residence, or live with a designated caregiver. For homestay information, see:
canterbury.ac.nz/life/accommodation/homestay-and-private-board

Accommodation on campus is limited for couples and families. For further information, see:
canterbury.ac.nz/life/accommodation/couples-and-families-accommodation

Accommodation cost estimates (based on 2025 costs)

Accomodation type	Residential fee	Deposit	Additional costs
Self-catered Hall of Residence	$176–$344 per week (48 weeks)	$800	Food, contents/ liability insurance
Fully-catered Hall of Residence	$431–$645 per week (up to 41 weeks)	$935–$2,500	Contents/liability insurance
Homestay	From $300 per week	From $300 placement fee	Transport, contents/ liability insurance
Private rental	$680–$758 per week* (4-bedroom house in Ilam for 52 weeks)	Up to 4 weeks rent as bond, and 1-2 weeks rent in advance	Food, power, internet, furniture, transport, contents/liability insurance

See hall options at canterbury.ac.nz/life/accommodation/halls-of-residence
* tenancy.govt.nz

UC Halls of Residence

With support services and staff on hand, we aim to make your transition to Aotearoa New Zealand life as easy as possible.

UC has agreements with specialist accommodation providers to manage all aspects of your accommodation experience. Your contract is directly with your hall of residence.

UC Halls of Residence offers a single occupancy or there are also a small number of self-contained units for couples.

Take a look inside

Using the 360-degree panoramas online or by visiting:
canterbury.ac.nz/life/accommodation

Amenities

All halls of residence provide:

- **A fully-furnished room** with a bed, desk, chair, wardrobe, and bookshelf.
- **Fees covering all amenities** including heating and power.
- **Unlimited wi-fi** for UC students.
- **Everday facilities** such as dining facilities or kitchens to self-cater, as well as laundry and bathroom facilities.
- **Car parking and bike storage** (limited).

Life in the Halls of Residence

Life in the halls includes study areas, plenty of social events and activities, and Taurima/Residential Assistants supporting you throughout your stay.

Te Ratonga Nohonga
UC Accommodation Services
T: +64 3 369 3569
E: accommodation@canterbury.ac.nz
canterbury.ac.nz/life/accommodation

Check out our halls of residence on campus and alternative off-campus options.

Indicative fees

International tuition fees estimate (2026)

Subject	Undergraduate (per 120 points)	Postgraduate (non-PhD)	PhD# (2026 fees)
Arts, Education, Social Sciences, Education (Teaching)	$34,104	$38,200	$8,570–$10,321
Business and Accountancy	$36,304	$37,904	$8,570–$10,321
Fine Arts, Music, and Law	$40,304	$43,848	$8,570–$10,321
Science	$43,104	$45,304	$8,570–$10,321
Engineering, Product Design	$51,904	$51,904	$8,570–$10,321
Communication Disorders, Forestry	$47,000	$47,000	$8,570–$10,321

International PhD students are eligible to pay domestic tuition fees if they are studying and living in Aotearoa New Zealand. International fees will apply for international PhD students if they are studying away from Aotearoa for more than 365 days during their PhD tenure.

Additional compulsory fees (2026)

Student Services Levy^	$1,236 (120 Points in 2026)	$10.30 per academic point
Studentsafe University insurance†	$899 2026 insurance rate	$449.50 per semester

^ See canterbury.ac.nz/ssl

† Health and travel insurance is required for all international students studying in New Zealand. If you do not want to use Studentsafe insurance, you can choose an alternative policy as long as it meets the minimum requirements.

UCIC Fees

Programme	Normal duration	Tuition fee total (NZD$)
Certificate in Foundation Studies	2 trimesters (8 months)	$27,470
DipUniSt: Commerce	3 trimesters (1 year)	$36,100
DipUniSt: Science	3 trimesters (1 year)	$40,138
DipUniSt: Engineering	3 trimesters (1 year)	$44,476
One Semester Pre-Master's	1 trimester (4 months)	$17,050
Two Semester Pre-Master's	2 trimesters (8 months)	$34,000

Other costs to consider

When preparing for your international academic experience there are several important preparations necessary to ensure a smooth transition to New Zealand. Below are examples of other factors requiring financial preparation.

Costs per academic year (Feb–Nov)** — example only

Bachelor of Commerce programme (two semesters)	$36,500
Student Services Levy (120 points)	$1,236
Insurance	$899
Accommodation in halls of residence	$20,000+
Textbooks and supplies (varies with programme)	$1,000
TOTAL COSTS (estimate)	**$59,635+**

**Costs will vary depending on course selection, accommodation, and lifestyle.

canterbury.ac.nz/study/getting-started/study-and-living-costs

Other costs:

- English Proficiency Tests see page 71
- Accommodation see page 74
- Visa fees see page 76
- Airfares
- Transport
- Everyday living expenses (i.e. food, transport etc)
- Technology costs (eg phone services)
- Entertainment

Visas and insurance

Student visas

Your student visa is normally for the same length of time as your studies.

You can apply for this visa if you are distance learning and you need to visit New Zealand for more than 3 months to attend your education provider, for example to do practical study or sit exams.

It is recommended to apply for your student visa as soon as you get an Offer of Place from UC.

Pathways to New Zealand employment

Some UC qualifications are aligned with New Zealand's Green List of in-demand occupations. Completing one of these qualifications may support your eligibility to apply for a post-study work visa or other visa pathways through Immigration New Zealand. Please note being on the Green List does not guarantee residency or employment in New Zealand. Immigration policies, eligibility, and requirements are set by Immigration New Zealand and may change at any time.

For the latest information and to see if your chosen qualification is on the Green List, visit **www.immigration.govt.nz/green-list**

Pathway Student Visa

Pathway Student Visa is for international students who want to study up to 3 programmes of study, one after the other, on a single visa. If you're planning to transition to UC, see below for more details about this visa:

immigration.govt.nz/study/study-visas/pathway-student-visa-information

Part-time work on student visa

You may be allowed to work part-time for up to 25 hours a week and full-time during all scheduled holidays and the Christmas and New Year holiday period if you meet the visa conditions stated by Immigration NZ.

immigration.govt.nz/study/once-you-have-a-student-visa/working-on-a-student-visa

Post Study Work Visa

If you successfully completed a programme at UC, you may be eligible for a Post Study Work Visa. The duration of your visa varies and is subject to change.

Apply for this visa if you want to work in New Zealand soon after you have completed your studies here. It allows you to stay and work in New Zealand for up to 3 years, depending on what you studied.

Apply online or find out more: **immigration.govt.nz/visas/post-study-work-visa**	
Length of stay:	Up to 3 years
Cost:	From NZD $1670
Residency option:	Yes

All student visas are issued by Immigration New Zealand, not the University of Canterbury. Requirements, processing times, post-study work rights and residency eligibility are subject to change. Please refer to the Immigration New Zealand website for the most up-to-date information.

Medical and travel insurance

Most international students are not entitled to publicly-funded health services in Aotearoa New Zealand, so it is important you have insurance.

To enrol at UC, having medical and travel insurance while studying is a legal requirement under the Education (Pastoral Care of Tertiary and International Learners) Code of Practice 2021.

health.govt.nz

Accident Compensation Corporation

The Accident Compensation Corporation (ACC) provides accident insurance for everyone — New Zealand citizens, residents, and visitors — but you may still be liable for some medical and related costs.

acc.co.nz

Studentsafe-University insurance

You can purchase the Studentsafe-University policy when you complete your enrolment. This insurance cost will be added to your enrolment fees.

The policy meets the standards of the Education (Pastoral Care of Tertiary and International Learners) Code of Practice 2021.

It covers students intending to enrol at UC from the time they leave home (up to 31 days prior to enrolment). The policy covers transit stopovers, but does not cover stopovers that are holidays.

Pre-existing medical conditions

Pre-existing medical conditions are conditions that you have before you enrol in the plan and can include conditions you were aware of, but did not seek treatment for. These conditions are not automatically covered by Studentsafe-University so you must apply to the insurer and receive notice of acceptance of such condition(s). You can apply for cover by completing an online medical risk assessment form.

Dental treatment

Dental treatment in Aotearoa New Zealand is expensive and is generally not covered by insurance. However, UCSA has subsidised dental care for all enrolled students.

ucsa.org.nz/student-support

Insurance for international students

Health and travel insurance is required to avoid unwanted high costs.

Next steps

To secure your place at UC, simply follow the steps below.

1

Choose your qualification

UC offers more than 120 different qualifications across many academic fields. **study.canterbury.ac.nz**

2

Check your eligibility

Before you can enrol at UC, you must meet UC's admission and English language requirements. Please visit checkwhatyouneed.canterbury.ac.nz. If you are unsure, email **iro@canterbury.ac.nz**

3

Get advice from an expert

Before applying, it is wise to consult with a UC representative. They can give you advice about qualifications, admissions, visas, fees, accommodation, and travel.

4

Apply for admission

If you have an overseas qualification, you need to apply for admission online at myUC (**myuc.canterbury.ac.nz**) or via an approved UC agent. We recommend you apply as early as possible in advance of your intended start date to allow for visa and other arrangements. Once you have done this, we will contact you by email about any further information required.

5

Receive an Offer of Place

If your application for admission is successful, we will send you an Offer of Place, which will include a pro-forma invoice with instructions on how to pay your tuition fees.

6

Accept your offer and select your courses

To confirm your place at UC, log into your MyUC account and clicking 'Accept' for the application year you intend to enrol. Contact a Student Advisor at your respective faculty for course advice or go online at myUC (**myuc.canterbury.ac.nz**) to select your courses. Your courses will be checked by the relevant faculty, school, or department.

7

Be ready to apply for a student visa

Prepare now and be ready to apply for a student visa. You can check updates about New Zealand border regulations and student visa requirements at **immigration.govt.nz**

8

Come along to International Orientation

UC offers a dedicated international orientation programme to prepare new international students. You can register for the International Welcome and Orientation.

9

Complete your enrolment

International enrolment takes place in the week before your lectures start.

10

Enjoy life at UC

You did it! Now come and experience what it means to be a student at UC.

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