

## Information Sheet – Study Abroad Students

(**Note:** the information provided in this Information Sheet and on the UC website is the information currently available in 2022 and is subject to change for 2023.)

Name of University	University of Canterbury
University Website	<a href="http://www.canterbury.ac.nz">www.canterbury.ac.nz</a>
Website for Study Abroad	<a href="https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/study/study-abroad-and-exchange/study-abroad/">https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/study/study-abroad-and-exchange/study-abroad/</a>
Mailing Address	<p>Postal address: International Relationships Office University of Canterbury Private Bag 4800 Christchurch 8140 New Zealand</p> <p>Courier address: International Relationships Office University of Canterbury 20 Kirkwood Ave, Ilam Christchurch 8041 New Zealand</p>
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## General Information

University of Canterbury	<p><b>An outstanding community</b> Established in 1873 by scholars of Oxford and Cambridge Universities, Te Whare Wānanga o Waitaha University of Canterbury (UC) is known for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a supportive campus community</li> <li>• high-quality courses</li> <li>• unique applied learning opportunities, including internships, service learning, and community engagement.</li> </ul> <p><b>Learn from the best</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UC’s academic staff are well known in their fields and often write the textbooks you will study. UC also brings in academics from around the world, including Oxford and Cambridge, via our staff exchange programme.</li> </ul>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We are home to over 40 recognised research centres, institutes, and hubs. UC was also the first university in New Zealand to receive the prestigious QS 5-star ranking for overall excellence.</li> <li>• UC is an important research university in Australasia and is in the top 2 for research in 9 out of 15 subject areas in Aotearoa New Zealand</li> <li>• Te Kura Umanga   UC Business School holds ‘Triple-Crown’ accreditation by AMBA, EQUIS, and AACSB</li> <li>• Engineering programmes are accredited by the Institution of Professional Engineers New Zealand, which is a signatory to the Washington Accord.</li> <li>• Academic World Ranking of Universities places UC 9th in the world for Civil Engineering (2020).</li> <li>• UC’s Erskine programme brings up to 75 experts from around the world to teach at UC each year.</li> </ul> <p><b>Innovative programmes</b> Over 100 different programmes are offered across 7 faculties (Arts, Science, Engineering, Business, Law, Education and Health). Whatever your academic interests, UC has a broad selection of courses to choose from. UC offers a comprehensive range of courses, including several that you’re unlikely to come across in your home country, such as Maori language and culture, Antarctic Studies and courses in New Zealand and Pacific literature, history and politics. Whichever courses you choose, you’ll study alongside Kiwi students.</p> <p><b>Vibrant student community</b> Students on campus have a choice of modern accommodation and access to all the amenities of a fully equipped student village. UC features a thriving student association plus over 160 student led clubs catering to a huge range of interests.</p> <p>See how our Study Abroad and Exchange students have experienced New Zealand with their own photos and videos in our gallery at: <a href="https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/study/study-abroad-and-exchange/gallery/">https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/study/study-abroad-and-exchange/gallery/</a></p>
Christchurch	<p>Ōtautahi Christchurch is a recreational hot spot within easy reach of all the fun and adventure the region has to offer. It is the gateway to the South Island, and located in the province of Canterbury. With a population of around 380,000, Christchurch is the largest city and the economic centre of the South Island.</p> <p><b>A recreational hub</b> UC is on the doorstep of a huge outdoor “playground” – with 10 ski fields within a two hour drive and beautiful beaches close by, you can surf and ski in the same day. Christchurch’s location on the east coast makes it perfect for water sports, with six swimming beaches within 30 minutes’ drive from UC. There are a number of rivers and lakes, including the picturesque Avon River which runs right through the city. The city’s Port Hills are popular for walking, rock climbing, and mountain biking. Hagley Park in the centre of the city has 165 hectares of park-like grounds.</p> <p><b>Vibrant entertainment options</b> Christchurch has a busy calendar of events — from art exhibitions and cultural celebrations to sporting events and music festivals. There are over 900</p>

	<p>restaurants, cafés, and bars to sample, many of them close to UC. Christchurch is also home to theatres and over 740 city parks.</p> <p><b>Leisure and lifestyle</b></p> <p>In 2019, Christchurch topped CNN’s list of 19 places to visit – describing the city, its buildings, and culture as “elegant”, “gorgeous”, “colourful”, and “dynamic”.</p>
Academic calendar	<p><u>UC Semester 1 2022</u> Lectures commence: 21 February 2022 Exam period ends: 25 June 2022</p> <p><u>UC Semester 2 2022</u> Lectures commence on: 18 July 2022 Exam period ends on: 10 November 2022</p> <p>Note: Compulsory Orientation and International Enrolment usually take place in the week before lectures commence. Students should plan to be available in Christchurch up to and including the last day of the exam period, in case you have an exam scheduled on the last day of exams.</p> <p>The academic dates in 2022 can be found at: <a href="http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/study/keydates">www.canterbury.ac.nz/study/keydates</a></p>
Course load (number of points per semester or per year)	<p>A normal workload for one semester is 60 points (or 120 points for one year). Minimum course load is 45 points per semester (90 points per year) and the maximum load is 75 points per semester.</p>
Level of courses	<p>In <u>Arts, Science and Business</u>, the undergraduate (Bachelor) degree is a 3 year degree at Canterbury. This means that 300 level courses are the most advanced undergraduate courses in these areas. 400 level courses in these disciplines are graduate courses and undergraduate Study Abroad students are <u>not</u> eligible to take 400 level courses, unless students have been granted admission to a Postgraduate Certificate of Proficiency.</p> <p>Note, however, that some <u>professional degrees such as Engineering, Forestry, Speech and Language Pathology and Social Work</u> are 4-year degrees and 400 level courses in these areas are therefore classed as undergraduate courses. Study Abroad students may be permitted to take 400 level courses in these disciplines if they have the necessary pre-requisites and the approval of the relevant department.</p>
Timetable	<p>Timetable Planner: This is a searchable course timetable at: <a href="https://mytimetable.canterbury.ac.nz/aplus/timetable/#subjects">https://mytimetable.canterbury.ac.nz/aplus/timetable/#subjects</a>. It allows anyone to enter combinations of courses and preview how they would fit into a timetable before they enrol at UC.</p>
Course information	<a href="https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/courseinfo/AdvancedSearch.aspx">https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/courseinfo/AdvancedSearch.aspx</a>
Language of instruction	English
Grading system	<a href="https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/study/grading-scale/">https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/study/grading-scale/</a>

## Study Abroad Information

Duration of Study Abroad	1 semester or 1 year (two semesters)  Note that summer is not included in the Study Abroad period.
Programmes or courses not open to Study Abroad students / restricted courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Distance learning courses</li> <li>▪ 200 level Law courses</li> <li>▪ Fine Arts (studio courses)</li> <li>▪ Teacher Education</li> </ul> <p>Note: Education courses with EDUC course code under the Bachelor of Arts schedule are available to Exchange students.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Some Physical Education and Sport Coaching courses require police checks. <a href="mailto:ucmobility@canterbury.ac.nz">Please contact us at ucmobility@canterbury.ac.nz</a> to check if the Physical Education and Sport Coaching courses your students wish to take require police checks.</li> <li>▪ Journalism</li> <li>▪ Courses in MBA and Executive Development programmes</li> <li>▪ Clinical practice courses</li> <li>▪ Forest Biology (FORE218)</li> <li>▪ Communication Disorders are open to students who meet pre-requisites except for the clinical practice courses.</li> </ul> <p>Some other courses are limited entry and may have additional entry requirements. Please contact the Mobility team if students have enquiries about course restrictions.</p>
GPA requirement	B average (or minimum C average in the ECTS grading system)
English language requirement	Please see: <a href="https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/enrol/international/english/">https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/enrol/international/english/</a>
Application deadlines	Semester 1 (February intake): 15 November the year prior  Semester 2 (July intake): 15 April
Application procedures / documents required	<a href="https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/study/study-abroad-and-exchange/study-abroad/study-abroad-apply/">https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/study/study-abroad-and-exchange/study-abroad/study-abroad-apply/</a>
Services and facilities available to students	<p>Libraries, on-campus computer and internet access, student clubs, access to Recreation Centre, Health Centre, Student Care, Students' Association (UCSA), etc.</p> <p>There are more than 160 clubs at UC, covering almost every interest imaginable from sports, politics, and international, through to community, performing arts, and social focuses. <a href="http://www.ucsa.org.nz/clubs/find-a-club">www.ucsa.org.nz/clubs/find-a-club</a></p> <p>We have a team of Student Care Advisors (<a href="https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/support/needtotalk/">https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/support/needtotalk/</a>) offering support and advice to students. We also offer a range of other support services : <a href="http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/support/">www.canterbury.ac.nz/support/</a></p>

Transcript	Students do not need to request a transcript. Official transcripts (electronic) are provided via My eEquals after the completion of a student's study at UC. My eEquals is a secured online platform allowing students to share the transcript with their home university. We will provide instructions to students on how to share the transcripts when the transcripts become available.
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### Arrival / International Welcome (compulsory Orientation)

Recommended arrival dates	<p>Compulsory International Induction (Orientation) and International Enrolment usually take place the week before lectures commence. Therefore, students should plan to arrive before the International Induction takes place. The dates of compulsory International Induction (Orientation) and International Enrolment will be confirmed in due course.</p> <p>Students register for the International Induction online:  <a href="https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/international/how-do-i-enrol/welcome/">https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/international/how-do-i-enrol/welcome/</a></p> <p>If staying in Ilam Apartments on campus, the arrival dates are posted on the website below. Arrival dates may be subject to change.</p>
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### Accommodation

On-campus accommodation	<p>The usual accommodation for Study Abroad students is at Ilam Apartments. A Study Abroad and Exchange accommodation offer is available to Study Abroad students staying at the Village. Students must complete a separate accommodation application online before the application deadline. Detailed information about the offer including fees, how to apply, arrival dates, etc. is available at:  <a href="https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/life/accommodation/international/exchange/">https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/life/accommodation/international/exchange/</a></p> <p>When making travel plans, it is important that students also refer to the above accommodation website for the earliest move-in dates, since if they arrive earlier than the move in dates they would need to find temporary accommodation until the move-in time.</p>
Application process	<p>Information on how to apply online and the online application form can be found on the Study Abroad and Exchange accommodation web page:  <a href="https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/life/accommodation/international/exchange/">https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/life/accommodation/international/exchange/</a>.</p>
Other accommodation options	<p>Please see the information on other accommodation options on the website of the Accommodation Office:  <a href="https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/life/accommodation/">https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/life/accommodation/</a></p> <p>Note that it may be difficult for students coming for one semester to find off-campus private rental accommodation as many off-campus leases are for a whole year. Study Abroad students therefore usually apply for accommodation on-campus at Ilam Apartments.</p>

### Visa Requirements

Are Study Abroad students required to obtain a student visa?	Yes – students must apply for and receive a New Zealand student visa before travelling to New Zealand. Please see details on Immigration New Zealand’s website: <a href="https://www.immigration.govt.nz/new-zealand-visas/options/study">https://www.immigration.govt.nz/new-zealand-visas/options/study</a>
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### Medical and Travel Insurance

Compulsory medical and travel insurance	<p>Study Abroad students <b>must</b> have appropriate and current medical and travel insurance while studying in New Zealand. This insurance <b>must meet requirements set by the New Zealand government under the NZ Ministry of Education (Pastoral Care of Tertiary and International Learners) Code of Practice 2021.</b>  <a href="http://www.legislation.govt.nz/regulation/public/2016/0057/latest/DLM6748147.html">http://www.legislation.govt.nz/regulation/public/2016/0057/latest/DLM6748147.html</a></p> <p>See detailed information about insurance at:  <a href="https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/international/how-do-i-enrol/prepare-for-your-move-to-nz/insurance/">https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/international/how-do-i-enrol/prepare-for-your-move-to-nz/insurance/</a></p> <p>Studentsafe-University insurance is the University's current default insurance cover which meets the standards of the New Zealand Code of Practice for the Pastoral Care of International Students. Study Abroad students can purchase Studentsafe-University cover when they complete their enrolment in person on campus. If students hope to utilise an alternative insurance policy, they must apply to the Enrolment team at the University to have the cover assessed <b>at least four weeks before enrolment</b> to determine whether it meets NZ government requirements. The application form for insurance assessment is available on the web page above. It is important to note that <b>many overseas insurance policies do not meet NZ requirements and students need to be aware that a policy required by their home university or issued in their home country may not necessarily meet NZ requirements and that purchase of the default insurance at enrolment may be required.</b></p> <p>See Medical and Travel Insurance website above for incoming students for full details about insurance such as the Studentsafe-University policy and minimum insurance requirements.</p>
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### Fees and Costs

Tuition fees	NZD\$12,000 for one semester of undergraduate Study Abroad in 2022. Fees are reviewed annually and subject to change in 2023.
Student Services Levy	<p>This is a compulsory levy which covers the cost of student services on campus: <a href="https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/get-started/fees/student-services-levy/">https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/get-started/fees/student-services-levy/</a></p> <p>The levy is calculated on the number of points (credits) enrolled in. For a standard semester load of 60 points, the levy is NZD\$446.40 in 2022. The levy is reviewed annually and is subject to change in 2023.</p>
Accommodation	See fees on the web page of the accommodation offer for Study Abroad students: <a href="https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/life/accommodation/international/exchange/">https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/life/accommodation/international/exchange/</a>

Living costs	Living costs may vary depending on your accommodation and lifestyle choices, but you should, in general, budget for at least NZ\$8,000 for one-semester, excluding airfares and tuition fees ( <i>please note required living costs are currently under review by Immigration New Zealand and are subject to change</i> )
Food / Meals	Ilam Apartments is self-catered and students cook their own meals. A supermarket is located a short walk from the apartment complex.
Academic expenses	Students should budget for the costs of field trips (if applicable), books, stationery and other course-related costs.
Visa	Any applicable visa application fees.