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Introduction to UC for Year 11 and 12

He Arataki ki UC



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UC is proud to partner with **Ngāi Tūāhuriri** and **Ngāi Tahu** to uphold the mana and aspirations of the mana whenua.

Rainbow Diversity Support



150 years
1873–2023

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Kia ora tātou

Nau mai, tauti mai.

For 150 years, students from all walks of life have made UC their choice for learning, working with our communities, and doing research that makes a difference.

This booklet covers all the basics of how university works.

With everything from selecting your courses to discovering new interests, connecting with new friends, and simply just finding your way around, you'll learn what you can expect from your university experience in this book.

At Te Whare Wānanga o Waitaha University of Canterbury, you'll get an excellent education backed by heaps of support — all while making memories that last a lifetime.

Kia kaha e hoa mā!

Nadia

Bachelor of Engineering with Honours in Civil Engineering minoring in Structural Engineering



Why university?

Improve job outcomes

Our latest Graduate Destination Survey 2022 revealed:

84%

of graduates found jobs

94%

of Education grads found jobs

90%

of Law grads found jobs

89%

of Business grads found jobs

88%

of Engineering and Health Sciences grads found jobs

27

countries where our graduates were employed

SALARY

Most graduates earned between **\$50,001–\$70,000**.

Those earning **over \$70,000** per year had bachelor's degrees in areas of Maths and Statistics, Engineering and Technology, and the Sciences.

'I think UC is so special because I wake up every day wanting to go to uni. I really thrive and enjoy that energy you feel from being on campus. It's a combination of people, environment, culture, opportunities, and connection.'

Isaiah

Waikato-Tainui

Bachelor of Laws



Meet different people

University is a diverse place where you can meet like-minded people as well as people with completely different backgrounds and stories.

The great thing about university is discovering your potential and having your own unique experience. All these opportunities are available in one place.

Aotearoa needs...

More skilled graduates in engineering, psychology, health and social services, ICT, teaching, and environmental science to tackle issues like sustainable infrastructure, wellbeing, and climate change.

FEES-FREE

The fees-free scheme means if you're eligible you may not have to pay tuition fees in your first year at UC. See page 28.

Why is Year 12 important?

Choosing Year 13 subjects

In Year 12, you'll pick your subjects for Year 13. Most of our degrees are open to all students regardless of what they studied, but for some degrees we recommend taking certain subjects in high school. For instance:

- An Engineering degree at UC requires calculus and physics, and in some cases chemistry.
- Our Fine Arts degree requires a portfolio of your best art work.
- For degrees like Forestry Science, it's helpful to study biology in school.

Grades for scholarships

Most university scholarships for students finishing school are based on the grades you get in Year 12 — see **page 28** to learn more about scholarships.

Who do I contact?

If you or your whānau have any questions about studying at UC, our Future Students Team are here to help. They can assist with such questions as:

- What subjects should I take in Year 13?
- Are there any special requirements for the subject/degree I would like to study at UC?
- What accommodation options are there for living on campus?

The Future Students Team also help Year 13s with the enrolment process, reminding them of important dates throughout the year, and assisting in the planning of their first-year courses.

canterbury.ac.nz/future-students/contact-us



‘Studying at UC includes the amazing buildings and facilities that I am able to utilise on campus, as well as the diverse club culture and social events. It has allowed me to meet people from all over the country and make some great friends along the way.’

Samuel

Bachelor of Product Design in Industrial Product Design

How do I get in?

Aotearoa universities have minimum entry requirements that students need to meet in order to study at university. Check with your school's careers advisor or on our website for what you will need to get University Entrance (UE): canterbury.ac.nz/enrol/eligibility

Some subjects or degrees at UC may have extra requirements, so always ask your careers advisor or contact us.

If you have done other schooling besides NCEA, the entry requirements may differ. These include:

Cambridge International Examinations (CIE)

A or AS level entrance requirement

At least 120 points on the NZ Tariff and a minimum grade of D in each of at least three subjects equivalent to those on the approved list (excluding 'Thinking Skills').

Literacy requirement

A pass in any of AS English Language, Language and Literature in English, or Literature in English.

Numeracy requirement

Either:

- a D grade or better in IGCSE or GCSE mathematics, or
- any mathematics pass at AS level.

NCEA requirements

To achieve UE, you'll need NCEA Level 3 and the following:

Level 3 (or above) 42 credits	Subject A 14 credits from approved subject	Subject B 14 credits from approved subject	Subject C 14 credits from approved subject
Level 2 (or above) 10 credits	Reading 5 credits from the NZQA approved list	Writing 5 credits from the NZQA approved list	
Level 1 (or above) 10 credits	Mathematics 10 credits from the NZQA approved list		

International Baccalaureate Diploma (IB)

You can gain admission to UC, if you have been awarded the IB Diploma.

The literacy requirement for admission to university will be met if the IB diploma has been completed with English as the language in any of:

- Language A: literature (SL or HL),
- Language A: language and literature (SL or HL), or
- Language B: (HL).







What is university?

Common uni terms

Degrees

Degrees are a type of qualification you can study at university — there are several types of qualifications varying in level of study and length of time, such as:

Bachelor's degrees

A bachelor's degree is usually the first qualification you study out of high school that usually takes 3–4 years to complete. UC offers a wide range of bachelor's degrees — see [page 23](#).

Double degrees

Some bachelor's degrees can be studied together at the same time. While this involves more study, it also means specialising in different areas, which widens your range of career options.

Conjoint degrees

Conjoint degrees involve merging two degrees into one. This involves a much higher workload each year.

While the workload is intensive, they cost less than a double degree, and you would complete two study areas in a shorter time than doing both separately.

Subjects

Subjects are areas you can study in your degree. Some subjects you can continue from high school such as Accounting, Biology, History, while some you can start new at UC like Social Work, Geology, Marketing.

Major

A major is the subject you choose to focus on all the way to the final year of your bachelor's degree. For example, a Bachelor of Arts majoring in Sociology.

Double major

You can sometimes choose to concentrate on two subjects that you're interested in. These can be completed in the same time as a single major without the extra workload.

Minor

Besides a major, a minor is another way to focus on a subject, but you will only study this up to your second year.

For example, a Bachelor of Science majoring in Chemistry with a minor in Environmental Science.

Arts specialisations

Choosing a specialisation in the Bachelor of Arts means you study a set programme of courses centred on a broad theme. Specialisations are bigger than a typical major and they include courses from a range of subjects.

Courses

A course is a specific topic within a subject, for example an American history course within the History subject. This involves lectures, assignments, and other forms of study. Your degree is made up of multiple courses — see [page 11](#).

Points

Each course has a points value (similar to credits from NCEA). You will need to complete a certain number of points overall to successfully finish your degree.

Semester

The academic year is split into two periods of study known as semesters. One semester is the equivalent of two terms at high school.

- Semester 1: February – June
- Semester 2: July – November
- Summer: November – February.



How do courses work?

- A **key difference** from high school is that you are in charge of your own study planning at uni. But there's plenty of help available at UC to help you with this.
- Each course will include a series of lectures, similar to a class but with a lot more students.
- Usually, you will complete four courses in a semester, with each course having around two lectures a week.



Lectures

You will take your own notes in lectures, and may also get the opportunity to ask questions or have a class discussion.

You can find presentations, notes, or the lecture recording online if you miss anything.

First-year lectures are introductory, and usually don't require any previous knowledge.

So if you haven't studied something before but want to give it a go at uni, you can.

Read more on [page 17](#).

Assignments

You'll complete assignments throughout the course, which include essays, fieldtrips, open-book tests, and presentations. Most courses also finish with an exam.

Tutorials

Each course includes a tutorial (and laboratory for Science courses), which are smaller groups from your lectures, usually taught by a senior student. These are the best opportunities to ask in-depth questions, discuss assignments, and get to know your classmates.

Ask for help

Feel free to ask for help any time with your course planning, assignments, or life in general. Learn about our wellbeing hub on [page 31](#).

What does a week look like?

Example Engineering timetable (Semester 1)

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
8:00 am	ENGR101 Workshop				
9:00 am		COSC131 Tutorial	PHYS101 Lecture		PHYS101 Lecture
10:00 am		EMTH118 Lecture	EMTH118 Lecture	EMTH118 Lecture	EMTH118 Lecture
11:00 am				ENGR101 Lecture	COSC131 Computer lab
12:00 pm	PHYS101 Lecture				
1:00 pm					
2:00 pm	PHYS101 Lab	EMTH118 Tutorial	ENGR101 Lecture		ENGR101 Lecture
3:00 pm					
4:00 pm					
5:00 pm	COSC131 Lecture	PHYS101 drop-in class			

One major difference that you'll notice between being at school and university is the amount of time you're in class.

At university you'll only spend about **14–20 hours** per week in classes, quite different from the **30–35 hours** you spend in class at school.

However, you can expect to spend some time outside of lectures doing recommended readings, attending study groups, etc. So if you are studying full-time then you will spend about **30–40 hours** per week with combined lectures and independent work.

Example Criminal Justice timetable (Semester 1)

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
8:00 am					
9:00 am	CRJU101 Lecture		CRJU150 Lecture	CRJU150 Lecture	
10:00 am	HSRV104 Lecture			PSYC105 Tutorial	
11:00 am					HSRV104 Lecture
12:00 pm			CRJU150 Tutorial		
1:00 pm	PSYC105 Lecture				
2:00 pm		HSRV104 Tutorial			
3:00 pm	CRJU101 Tutorial			PSYC105 Lecture	
4:00 pm					
5:00 pm		CRJU101 Lecture			
6:00 pm					



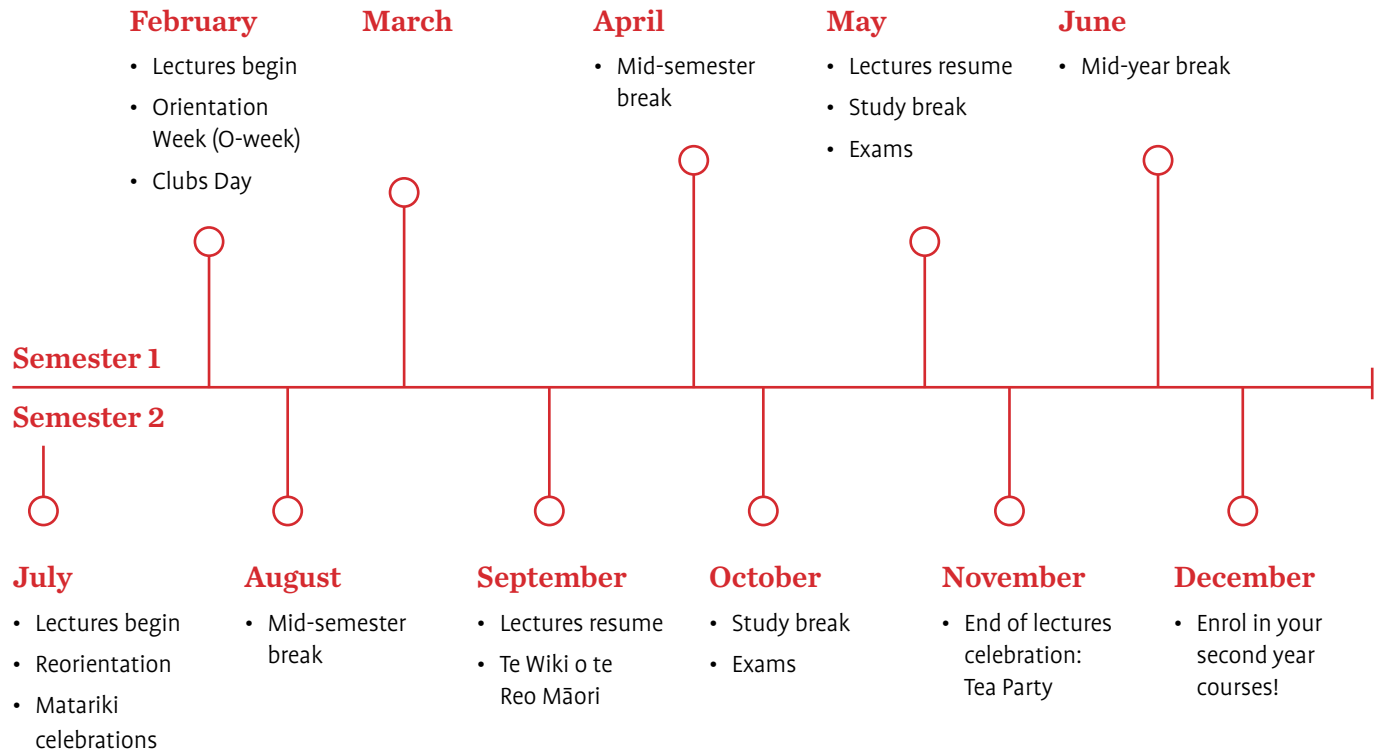
‘In high school, Māori was only looked at as your culture; it didn’t provide career opportunities. At uni, I realised there’s so much I can do with it. I’d really like to work in indigenous rights, doing law regarding indigenous studies or human rights aspects.’

**Elena
Ngāti Tūwharetoa**

Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and Māori and Indigenous Studies, and Bachelor of Laws



What does my first year look like?





How do I choose my study?

High school subjects can translate into a lot more options at university. The table shows you two such examples.

Flexible study

University is a great place for you to mix-and-match and try new subjects. Our subject list is on **page 18–19**.

Combine subjects

Besides a major and minor, you can also include courses from other subject areas. For instance, while doing a Bachelor of Arts, you can do courses like Antarctic Studies, Criminal Justice, or Health Sciences.

Combine degrees

If you are really keen, you can combine bachelor's degrees to widen your career options. There are two ways of doing this — double degrees and conjoint degrees (see 'common terms' on **page 9**). Both require extra work and you should talk to our Future Students Team before starting either.

Change your mind?

You might think of changing your direction after you have already enrolled. That's very common and we think it's an exciting part of your university journey.

High school subject	UC subject examples	
History	Cinema Studies	Media and Communication
	Classics	Political Science and International Relations
	Digital Humanities	Psychology
	Journalism	Teaching
Maths	Accounting	Environmental Science
	Astronomy	Information Systems
	Data Science	Psychology
	Economics	Statistics
	Engineering	Teaching

You may be able to change your major, minor, and even your degree at any time during your study. Say you started off with Engineering but decide you'd rather do Science, you can transfer your completed courses from Engineering to your new degree.

If you need any advice or clarification, contact our Future Students Team.
canterbury.ac.nz/future-students

Subjects

A

- Accounting
 - Aerospace Engineering
 - Ancient Greek
 - Animation
 - Antarctic Studies
 - Anthropology
 - Applied Immersive Game Design
 - Art History and Theory
 - Astronomy
-

B

- Biochemistry
 - Bioinformatics
 - Biological Sciences
 - Biomedical Engineering
 - Bioprocess Engineering
 - Business Analytics
 - Business and Sustainability
-

C

- Chemical and Process Engineering
- Chemical Formulation Design
- Chemistry
- Chinese
- Cinema Studies
- Cinematic Arts
- Civil Engineering
- Classics
- Communication Strategy and Practice
- Communications and Network Engineering

- Composition
 - Computational Linguistics
 - Computer Engineering
 - Computer Science
 - Creative Industries and Contemporary Practice
 - Creative Music Technology
 - Criminal Justice
 - Cultural Heritage
 - Cultural Studies
-

D

- Data Science
 - Digital Humanities
-

E

- Early Childhood Teaching
- Economics
- Ecosystem Health and Biosecurity
- Education
- Electrical and Electronic Engineering
- English
- English Language
- Environmental Change
- Environmental Contamination
- Environmental Hazards and Disasters
- Environmental Policy, Governance and Social Justice
- Environmental Process Engineering
- Environmental Science
- European and European Union Studies

F

- Film
 - Finance
 - Financial Engineering
 - Forest Engineering
 - Forestry Science
 - French
 - Freshwater
-

G

- Game Arts
 - Game Development
 - Geography
 - German
 - Global Societies and Cultures
 - Graphic Design
-

H

- Health Education
 - History
 - Human Resource Management
 - Human Services
-

I

- Indigenous Knowledge and Sustainable Partnerships
- Indigenous Narrative
- Industrial Product Design
- Information Systems
- Innovation
- International Affairs
- International Business

J

- Japanese
 - Journalism
-

L

- Language, Brain and Behaviour
 - Latin
 - Law
 - Linguistics
-

M

- Management
 - Māori and Indigenous Health
 - Māori and Indigenous Studies
 - Marketing
 - Mātauranga Māori
 - Mathematics
 - Mechanical Engineering
 - Mechatronics Engineering
 - Media and Communication
 - Medicinal Chemistry
 - Music
 - Music Studies
-

N

- Natural Resources Engineering
 - Nutrition
-

O

- Operations and Supply Chain Management

P

- Pacific Studies
 - Painting
 - Performance
 - Performance Analysis
 - Philosophy
 - Philosophy, Politics and Economics
 - Photography
 - Physical Activity
 - Physical Education
 - Physics
 - Political Communication
 - Political Science and International Relations
 - Population Health Data Science
 - Power Engineering
 - Primary Teaching
 - Professional and Community Engagement
 - Psychology
 - Public Health
-

R

- Russian
-

S

- Screen Sound
- Screenwriting
- Sculpture
- Social Action, Community and Global Development
- Social Work

- Society and Policy
 - Society, Diversity and Change
 - Sociology
 - Software Engineering
 - Spanish
 - Spatial Data Science
 - Speech and Language Pathology
 - Sports Leadership and Management
 - Sport Science
 - Statistics
 - Strategy and Entrepreneurship
 - Strength and Conditioning
 - Strength and Conditioning with Nutrition
 - Structural Engineering
 - Sustainable Business, Enterprise and Economics
 - Sustainable Coasts
 - Sustainable Energy Engineering
-

T

- Tauwhitinga Māori: Māori Communication Strategy and Practice
 - Taxation and Accounting
 - Te Reo Māori
 - Tourism Marketing and Management
-

W

- Water and Environmental Systems Engineering
 - Water Science and Management
-

Y

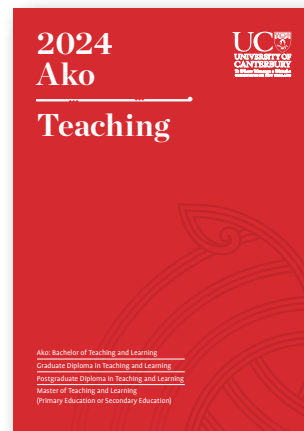
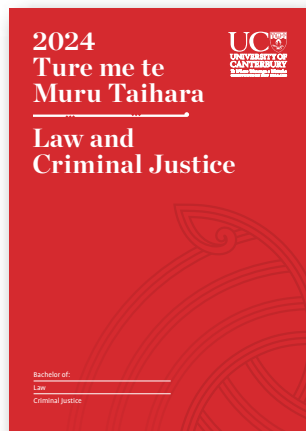
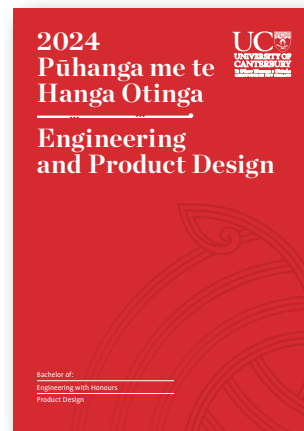
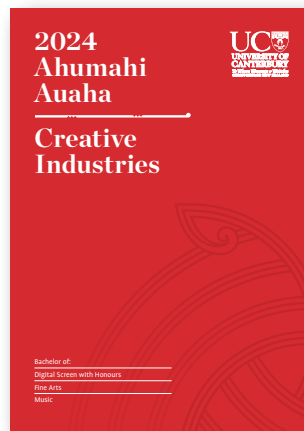
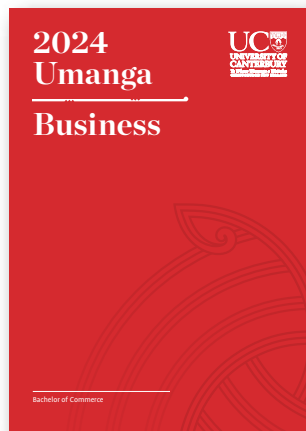
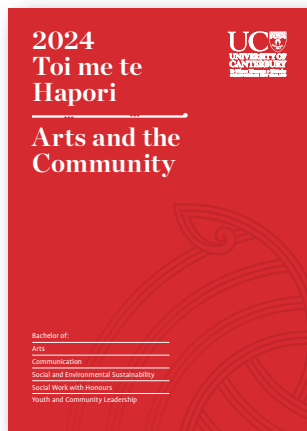
- Youth and Community Leadership





Find more information

To learn more about various degrees and subjects available, pick up one of these brochures from your careers advisor, or read them online.
canterbury.ac.nz/publications/brochure-gallery



Degree options

General degrees

What is a general degree?

- The most flexible degrees.
- You can study subjects from other areas eg, you could do a Science degree and include a Spanish course.
- You choose a major or specialisation, and can also do a double major or add a minor.
- General degrees can be started in February (Semester 1) or in July (Semester 2).

General undergraduate degrees at UC include:

- Bachelor of Arts
- Bachelor of Commerce
- Bachelor of Science.

Specialist degrees

What is a specialist degree?

- These prepare you for a career in a particular profession.
- Usually a number of courses are compulsory and your study is more prescribed.
- Specialist degrees usually start in February (Semester 1) only.

- Some specialist degrees have limited entry to the first year and require a special application. Please contact the Future Students Team to find out which degrees need this.

Specialist degrees at UC include:

- Ako: Bachelor of Teaching and Learning
- Bachelor of Communication
- Bachelor of Criminal Justice
- Bachelor of Data Science
- Bachelor of Digital Screen with Honours
- Bachelor of Engineering with Honours
- Bachelor of Environmental Science with Honours
- Bachelor of Fine Arts
- Bachelor of Forestry Science
- Bachelor of Health Sciences
- Bachelor of Laws
- Bachelor of Music
- Bachelor of Product Design
- Bachelor of Social and Environmental Sustainability
- Bachelor of Social Work with Honours
- Bachelor of Speech and Language Pathology with Honours
- Bachelor of Sport Coaching
- Bachelor of Youth and Community Leadership.



'I love the diversity of choice offered at UC. I was able to take Geography, Spanish, and Psychology papers. I can learn about so many different things, but they're all so interrelated.'

Keighley

Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and Spanish with a minor in Geography, Master of Science in Industrial and Organisational Psychology

Put your degree to work

Practical degrees

Many of our degrees have a placement or internship component that allows you to experience the working world. You get to know the employer and build connections to reach out to after graduation.

Professional and Community Engagement (PACE)

PACE is a practical skills course you can take alongside your degree where you will be matched with an internship based on your studies and interests. Past internships include media and communications, event organisation, marketing, health, and policy analysis.

'I completed a PACE course where I got to work as an intern for the Laura Fergusson Brain Injury Trust. I worked in the comms team producing a crisis communication plan and social media plans. It was an amazing opportunity to meet and assist people with injuries.'

Harrison
Bachelor of Arts in Media and Communication with a minor in Statistics, Certificate in Arts in English, and a Certificate in Sport Coaching

Careers centre

At UC Careers, you can talk to career consultants and recruitment specialists so you feel more confident that you're heading in the right direction after you graduate.

canterbury.ac.nz/careers

Centre for Entrepreneurship (UCE)

UCE is our ideas and innovation hub, where you can gain all-round business skills, learn from mentors and experts, and connect with industry. UCE's workshops and programmes are open to all UC students and no prior experience in business and entrepreneurship is required.

canterbury.ac.nz/uce

Student stories

Read more about how our graduates are using their degrees.

canterbury.ac.nz/get-started/why-uc/student-profiles



'Over summer I interned at a game studio here in Christchurch. I found it through the UC Head of Applied Immersive Game Design. I built video games all day, working a lot with motion capture to make a 3D playable environment without any controllers.'

Bray

Bachelor of Product Design in Applied Immersive Game Design





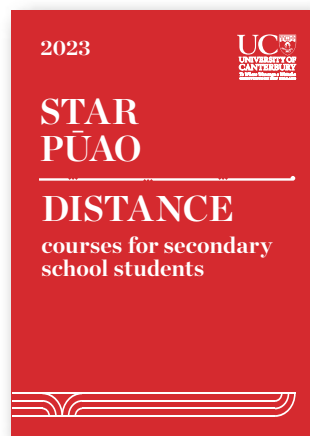
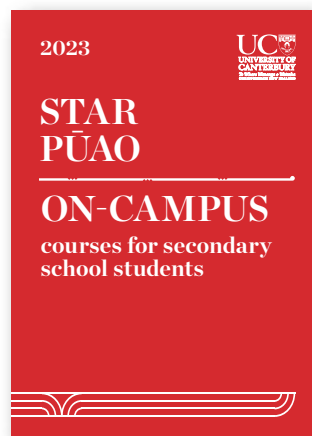
Have a go at University

Pūao | STAR

STAR enables Year 12 and 13 students to study first-year university courses — either at UC or online. Gain confidence about university and connect with other like-minded students.

Credit your STAR courses towards your UC degree once you've got University Entrance. You may credit these courses at other universities too.

canterbury.ac.nz/star



Headstart courses

If you've been away from study for a while or aren't confident about a subject, then our Headstart programme may be for you. These courses are 6-weeks long and generally cover pre-university material equivalent to NCEA level 2 or 3. If you have NCEA level 1 and/or some credits at level 2 in the relevant subject, Headstart is right for you.

canterbury.ac.nz/get-started/transition/headstart

Events

Some of the events where you can explore the campus and life at UC are:

Aukaha (Year 10 and 12 ākongā Māori)

canterbury.ac.nz/events/tours-and-events/aukaha

Te Rā Tūhura | Discovery Day (for Year 12 students)

canterbury.ac.nz/support/get-support/career-advisors/year-12-discovery-day

Ararau UC | UC Possibilities (to explore the Arts)

canterbury.ac.nz/arts/outreach-for-schools/uc-possibilities

Campus tours

Check out our 360-degree virtual campus or book a guided tour.
canterbury.ac.nz/events/tours-and-events/campus-tours

Hui Tairanga | Info evenings

canterbury.ac.nz/infoevenings

Rā Tōmene | Open Day

canterbury.ac.nz/openday

Funding my studies

Fees free

Your first year may be fees free. You will still have to pay study-related costs like course books or for field trips. For more information, visit feesfree.govt.nz

Student loans and allowances

After your first year, you can pay for your following years of study with a student loan.

Go to studylink.govt.nz or freephone in NZ **0800 88 99 00** to see if you're eligible for a student allowance.

Scholarships

UC has different kinds scholarships for school leavers – you should apply for whichever you think you are eligible for, as it may be possible to hold more than one scholarship at a time.

There are many scholarships available and new ones are established regularly. Make sure you search our database for the most up-to-date scholarships: canterbury.ac.nz/scholarships

University of Canterbury Students' Association (UCSA)

If you need any financial assistance, or have an emergency, get in touch with UCSA.

Learn more at ucsa.org.nz/student-support/financial-assistance

What will my studies cost?

Estimated total costs for the 2023 academic year (NZ\$)	
Accommodation (including deposit)	\$10,800–\$24,000*
Domestic tuition fees (depends on degree area)	\$7,000–\$9,000**
Student Services Levy	\$1,000
Study-related costs eg, textbooks (depends on courses)	\$500–\$1,000
Total estimated cost	\$19,000–\$35,000

* Range depends on whether students are in catered or self-catered accommodation

** Your actual fees will depend on the mix of courses you take. For indicative fees (domestic or international) for a specific course, go to canterbury.ac.nz/courses

These costs are based on an 18-year-old domestic student, ineligible for fees-free, living away from home. If you are living at home, you will be able to significantly reduce these costs.



UC ENGINNERING

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EPECentre
ELECTRIC POWER ENGINEERING CENTRE

E13

J. Ewing
B. Grant
D. Stiles
J. ...

The background is a solid red color with intricate white line art patterns. These patterns consist of multiple concentric, overlapping arcs and curves that create a sense of depth and movement, resembling stylized architectural or organic forms. The lines are thin and consistent in weight, creating a delicate but complex visual texture.

Out of the classroom

Get support

From the moment you arrive on campus to your graduation, UC can support you every step of the way.

Student Services Hub

Te Pātaka | Student Services Hub is your go-to support centre, located in the central library. You can receive help with anything you need including study and exams, health, sport, personal issues, counselling, injuries, or job search. They will connect you with the right people.

Equity and accessibility teams

In addition to Te Pātaka, we also have dedicated equity and accessibility teams providing support for Māori, Pasifika, international students, and anyone with diverse needs. Our student accessibility service assures there is equal access to facilities and opportunities, extending their services for those with temporary injuries too.

Your students' association

Te Rōpū Ākonga o Te Whare Wānanga o Waitaha | University of Canterbury Students' Association (UCSA) is a non-profit organisation that helps all students find support and feel like they belong at UC.

We have more than 160 clubs and regularly host events on campus.

We offer dental, optometry, welfare, financial services, food vouchers, and other subsidised support.

ucsa.org.nz

Our online wellbeing hub has all the information you need in one place:

canterbury.ac.nz/support/wellbeing-hub



'I went to Te Pātaka because I was in a cast most of the year and only had one hand to use. They got me extra time, managed to give me notes on courses I wasn't able to attend. When it came up to exam time, they reached out to check on me. They were more than happy to help and talk me through everything.'

Brodie

Bachelor of Sport Coaching in Strength and Conditioning with Nutrition

...your shoes.
...you're on your own.
...he'll decide where to go...

— Dr. Seuss, *Oh, The Places You'll Go*



Community

UC is a diverse place and a key part of your student experience is meeting people with varied perspectives. There are lots of opportunities, academic and non-academic, for you to connect with others. We also have spaces on campus that are open to anyone regardless of background.

We have a growing **rainbow, takatāpui** community on campus — students and staff. QCanterbury (a UCSA club) and the Queer-Straight Alliance (QSA) are safe, social places for sexually and gender diverse people, as well as allies.

canterbury.ac.nz/support/equity

Student Volunteer Army (SVA)

The SVA is UC's largest and world-famous student club with over 2,000 members who regularly volunteer in various community projects.

sva.org.nz

Clubs

By joining clubs, you can find new hobbies and make friends. Opshopping, gaming, snow sports, mental health — whatever you're interested in — UC has 160+ clubs, more than any other Aotearoa university.

canterbury.ac.nz/life/studentlife/clubs

Halls

Our students find that staying in campus accommodation in their first year is a great way to get a feel of the community vibe, meet new people, and find support. There are lots of social events held throughout the year too.

canterbury.ac.nz/life/accommodation

UniLife

Not staying in halls? No problem. UniLife is a year-long programme run by students for first-year students who don't stay in campus accommodation. Social events and activities are organised for you to socialise and navigate uni life together. Your Leader also helps you connect with clubs that are right for you.

canterbury.ac.nz/support/get-support/new/unilife

Compact campus

UC's campus and housing is all in one place, making it easy for our students to get places. You can grab a snack at one of many cafés and eateries, or catch up over a drink and a board game after class at UCSA's bar, The Foundry.

Keep active at our RecCentre with a fully-equipped gym, social sports, and group fitness classes. Our campus also has a health centre, art galleries, a theatre, event spaces, and more.

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CURRY SOC, started by a student keen on exploring cultures through curries, is now one of the biggest clubs on campus.

UC AEROSPACE, started by a student who wanted to introduce people to building rockets and aerospace, now does international events and has been in the news a couple of times.

So... your club idea could be the next big thing!





From campus to ...

1. UC campus

2. University of Canterbury Student Association (UCSA)

3. UC accommodation

4. Asian supermarket and restaurants

15-minute walk from UC

5. Westfield shopping mall

5-minute drive from UC

6. Central business district (CBD)

10-minute bike from UC

7. Port Hills

20-minute drive from UC, to the adventure park, walking tracks, views and ziplines

8. Beach

20-minute drive from UC

9. Airport

10-minute drive from UC

10. UC sports field



UC's unique location

UC is the only fully purpose-built, self-contained residential campus in the country. It's got the benefit of being distinct from the rest of Ōtautahi Christchurch, yet only 5km away from the city centre.

There are open green spaces where you can sunbathe after lectures, or take a breather when you're stressed. Watch out for skateboarders, scooters, roller bladers, and cyclists though!

What sets Christchurch apart?

Rents in Ōtautahi Christchurch are 15% cheaper than Tāmaki Makaurau Auckland and 11% cheaper than Te Whanganui-a-Tara Wellington. (Source: *ChristchurchNZ*)

You'll find new public spaces and gardens, a colourful CBD, less congestion, and future-focused sustainable businesses.

Balance out your studies

- 4 dual ziplines at Christchurch Adventure Park.
- 10 ski fields within two hours' drive from Ōtautahi Christchurch.
- Check out Riverside Market, Port Hills, Banks Peninsula, Akaroa, Hanmer Springs, plus explore South Island spots like Arthur's Pass National Park, Kaikōura, Milford Sound, Queenstown.
- There are heaps of events like festivals, concerts, and sporting events.



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Talk to a UC student:



Get answers to your questions about what it's like being a student at UC, and life in Ōtautahi Christchurch.



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