



Life at UC

# An unforgettable experience



Against the backdrop of a picturesque and bustling campus, you will meet a diverse range of people and enjoy some amazing new experiences.

When asked what they enjoy most at UC, students invariably mention the student experience. UC students are part of one of the most active students' associations in the country and the variety of clubs, societies and events for you to take part in is inspiring.

## From glow yoga to Mardi Gras

Whether it's a quiz night at the Foundry, an international food festival, Mardi Gras extravaganza, or a game of sport, UC students know how to unwind after all that study.

Many activities take place on campus, and with facilities such as an art gallery, outdoor amphitheatre, recreation centre, breakout hubs, sports fields and multiple cafés, there's plenty of space to chill out and meet friends.

## Never a dull moment

Festivals and entertainment are scheduled throughout the year, featuring:

- Orientation Festival
- lunch-time music concerts
- Winterlude – UCSA's Re-Orientation Festival
- the Graduation Ball
- film and comedy nights
- an inter-hall ball

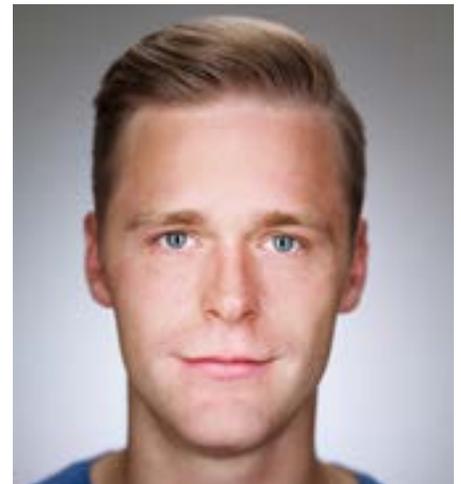
- musical theatre productions
  - the Tea Party to celebrate the end of lectures.
- Check out the busy calendar of events at [www.canterbury.ac.nz/events/list-events](http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/events/list-events) or [www.ucsa.org.nz/events/events-calendar](http://www.ucsa.org.nz/events/events-calendar)

## Make friends and influence people

Joining a club is a great way to make friends and learn new skills or indulge a passion. There are more than 140 clubs at UC, covering almost every interest imaginable. Here are just a few:

- Sports – snow sports, tramping, volleyball, rowing, basketball, football
- Subject focus – ENSOC (Engineering), UCOM (Commerce), LAWSOC (Law), Classoc (Classics)
- International – Merlion Singapore Society, Global China Connection, Samoan Students' Association
- Performing arts – Musoc, DramaSoc, ImprovSoc, UCanDance
- Social – Te Akatoki Māori Students' Association, OpSoc, Motosoc
- Political – UC Greens, UN Youth, Young Labour
- Religious – Student Life, Muslim Students' Association
- Community – Student Volunteer Army, Kakariki.

If you can't find one you like, just start your own. For a full list go to [www.ucsa.org.nz/clubs/find-a-club](http://www.ucsa.org.nz/clubs/find-a-club)



**'I've developed a real passion for climbing. I feel like I'm part of a great community. The clubs culture helps you to get involved and meet such a variety of people.'**

**Bradley Meredith**  
President of UC Climbing Club in 2016  
Bachelor of Engineering with Honours  
in Mechatronics Engineering

# A home away from home



UC has outstanding accommodation options both on and off campus. These residential hubs are diverse, convenient, safe, and provide excellent value.

Many UC students recall the time they spent in university residential accommodation as the time of their lives. Each option offers its own unique culture and a supportive learning environment.

## Your home away from home

All of our residential accommodation provides:

- your own fully furnished room – with a bed, desk, chair, wardrobe, and book shelf
- heating and power
- computer rooms and wi-fi access
- recreational facilities and study areas
- high-quality meals provided, or well-equipped kitchens to enable you to cook for yourself
- laundry facilities
- car parking and bike storage.

## The best of student life

To help you connect with your fellow residents and make the most of your time, UC's accommodation options offer plenty of social, cultural and sporting events throughout the year, including:

- Social events to help you make new friends
- Inter-hall sports competitions

- The annual inter-hall Cultural Shield competitions in music, debating, kapa haka, and theatre sports.

There are plenty of recreational facilities on-site at our halls, such as tennis courts or gym equipment, to help you maintain your health and fitness. All UC students have free basic gym membership – see page 14.

The UC campus, including all halls of residence, is smokefree.

## Support to succeed

First-year students are offered tutorials to help you succeed in your studies. Tutors are university students who have studied the same courses and achieved excellent results.

Study groups, as well as peer support networks and mentoring, are also facilitated by our residential accommodation options.

All UC accommodation options offer pastoral support to help ensure students' emotional and physical well-being as well as their academic success.

UC is committed to assisting students with disabilities. Most halls/villages have rooms suitable for students with wheelchairs – refer to the comparison chart on page 22.

## Key dates

2017	Action
1 August	Applications open for accommodation starting in February 2018
15 September	Common Confidential Reference Form (CCRF) due for NZ secondary school leavers. We recommend you aim to complete your online application by this date also
30 September	Applications due for accommodation starting in February 2018
6 October	First offers will be made for places
24 October	Responses to offers plus deposit due

## More information

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[www.canterbury.ac.nz/future-students/accommodation](http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/future-students/accommodation)

# Accommodation information



There are two steps to applying for UC halls of residence.

## Step 1 – apply online

Complete an online application form at [www.canterbury.ac.nz/future-students/accommodation](http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/future-students/accommodation)

As part of the form, you must select three hall preferences and provide details for two emergency contacts.

## Step 2 – reference

- For reference requirements see: [www.canterbury.ac.nz/future-students/accommodation/halls-of-residence-and-villages/apply-for-a-hall-or-village](http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/future-students/accommodation/halls-of-residence-and-villages/apply-for-a-hall-or-village)
- For New Zealand school leavers or students who have taken a gap year, you must supply a Common Confidential Reference Form (CCRF). This can be requested online.
- If you are applying to College House, additional information is required; for details see [www.collegehouse.org.nz](http://www.collegehouse.org.nz)

Aim to complete both steps of your application by **15 September 2017** so we can contact you if something is not right. Late applications will be considered but are subject to availability.

## Take a tour

UC welcomes potential students to visit our campus and accommodation options:

- Look around in person at UC Open Day on **13 July 2017**: register online at [www.canterbury.ac.nz/openday](http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/openday)
- Alternatively, tours can be booked online throughout the year at [www.canterbury.ac.nz/future-students/campus-tours-and-future-student-events](http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/future-students/campus-tours-and-future-student-events)
- View our 360 degree panoramas online for rooms and facilities. [www.canterbury.ac.nz/future-students/accommodation/halls-of-residence-and-villages/360-panoramas](http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/future-students/accommodation/halls-of-residence-and-villages/360-panoramas)



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Accommodation Guide



## Accommodation



For more information on halls of residence, see the 2018 UC Accommodation Guide or visit [www.canterbury.ac.nz/publications/accom\\_guide.shtml](http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/publications/accom_guide.shtml)

**'I loved making new friends, the community, the inter-hall competitions, and hall activities like kayaking on the Avon, Adrenaline Forest and trips to Hanmer Springs.'**

### Amelia Horne

Lived at Bishop Julius Hall  
Studying towards a Bachelor of Science in Geology and Geography

# Compare first-year options

The halls of residence listed below accommodate primarily New Zealand secondary school leavers and international students in their first year of study. Compare the features below to choose your preferred option.

## Suitability and services

Hall/Village	Services			Facilities for		
	Meals provided	Laundry included in fees*	Linen provided	Under 18 years of age international student	Single gender accommodation	Wheelchair accessible
Bishop Julius Hall	✓	✓	✓	✓	–	✓
College House	✓	✓	✓	✓	–	✓
Rochester and Rutherford Hall	✓	✓	✓	✓	–	✓
University Hall (Retro)	✓	–	–	✓	✓	✓
University Hall (Ritz)	✓	–	–	✓	✓	✓
Waitākiri Village	✓	✓	–	✓	✓	✓
Kirkwood Avenue Hall	–	–	–	–	–	✓

## Contract length and costs

Hall/Village	Contract length			Costs in 2017 (NZ\$)			
	Contract length	One semester	Summer stay	Residential fee	Deposit	Annual car parking fee	Payment frequency
Bishop Julius Hall	Feb – Nov	–	✓	\$16,580	\$800	\$100	Jan/Apr/Aug
College House	Feb – Nov	–	–	\$18,750	\$935	\$120	Jan/May/Sep
Rochester and Rutherford Hall	Feb – Nov	–	–	\$16,000	\$800	\$120	Jan/Apr/Sep
University Hall (Retro)	Feb – Nov	✓	✓	\$13,202	\$900	\$189	Quarterly^
University Hall (Ritz)	Feb – Nov	✓	✓	\$14,842	\$900	\$189	Quarterly^
Waitākiri Village		✓	–			–	
Single	Feb – Nov			\$13,038	\$800		Fortnightly^
Single deluxe	Feb – Nov			\$13,879	\$800		Fortnightly^
Single ensuite	Feb – Nov			\$14,719	\$800		Fortnightly^
Large single ensuite	Feb – Nov			\$15,129	\$800		Fortnightly^
Kirkwood Avenue Hall		✓	✓				
Single	Feb – Nov			\$8,610	\$800	\$189	Fortnightly^
Single ensuite	Feb – Nov			\$9,020	\$800	\$189	Fortnightly^

For information on self-catered apartments, homestay or renting privately, please refer to the 2018 Accommodation Guide or [www.canterbury.ac.nz/future-students/accommodation](http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/future-students/accommodation)

Students are required to comply with the UC Student Code of Conduct and follow hall rules and regulations which are outlined in each hall's handbook for the safety and well-being of all students in residence.

If you are an international student under 18 years of age, you must stay in a homestay, in a fully catered hall of residence, or with a designated caregiver — see the 2018 Accommodation Guide for more information for international students.

\* \$2 wash/dry charge if laundry not included in fees.  
^ Students must have a financial guarantor in New Zealand or payment by semester is required.

# Māori student services and support



Nau mai, tauti mai ki Te Whare Wānanga o Waitaha. Kia mohio ki ngā ratonga tautoko i ngā ākonga Māori.

At UC, we offer advice and support for all ākonga Māori. Our initiatives help students to succeed academically while also encouraging personal and cultural growth and creating a wider sense of hapori.

UC is committed to providing a learning environment which promotes Aotearoa New Zealand's unique bicultural society, assisted by the work of the Office of the Assistant Vice-Chancellor Māori.

## Get off to a great start

- If you're thinking about university study or enrolling for the first time, our UC Māori Outreach Advisor can guide you through. [www.canterbury.ac.nz/maoristudents/support/connect.shtml](http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/maoristudents/support/connect.shtml)
- Attending Māori Orientation before lectures start will help you to make the most of your year and meet new friends.
- Once you're enrolled, a Māori Student Development Advisor will contact you to check how you are doing and meet up to establish your plan for success.

## Services and support

- Te Ratonga Ākonga Māori UC's Māori Student Development Team can provide you with academic and cultural support to help you achieve your goals. Our advisors can also assist you to resolve any issue that may arise.
- The Māori Tuākana Mentoring Programme can pair you with a senior Māori student mentor – learn from their experience and connect with someone in your area of study.
- The Māori Students' Study Centre, Te Whare Ākonga o Te Akatoki, is located at 129 Ilam Road and offers space for private/group study and relaxing with friends.
- Māori postgraduate students can access Te Punenga Programme which provides academic workshops, mentoring and other initiatives specifically designed for postgraduate students.
- Te Akatoki Māori Students' Association is a great support network and they coordinate a number of social events throughout the year. [www.uca.org.nz/club/72](http://www.uca.org.nz/club/72)
- If you need help finding resources, contact the Māori Resource Librarian at Te Puna Rakahau o Macmillan Brown and the other libraries. [www.library.canterbury.ac.nz/people](http://www.library.canterbury.ac.nz/people)

*Note: to have access to these activities and services, make sure you self-identify as a Māori student when enrolling.*

## More information

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**‘I studied a lot at the Whare, it was my home away from home! I got to meet so many other Māori students all at different levels of knowledge. The response and warmth was amazing.’**

**Troy Whyman**  
Ngāti Porou, Tainui  
Bachelor of Commerce in Information Systems

# Pacific student services and support



Talofa lava, Malo e lelei, Ni sa bula vinaka, Namaste, Kia orana, Taloha ni, la orana, Fakaalofa lahi atu, Malo ni, Halo olaketa, Mauri, Aloha mai e and warm Pacific greetings.

If you are of Pacific heritage, UC's Pacific Development Team is here to boost your student experience, both academically and socially.

## Benefit from advice

- If you're new to UC, you can talk to our Pacific Liaison Officer for course advice, degree planning, and scholarship information. [www.canterbury.ac.nz/liaison](http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/liaison)
- Pacific Advisors are a source of information, study advice and support. They will keep in touch with you throughout your time at UC.
- As a first-year student, you can benefit from having a Pasifika mentor. Mentors become like your big brother/sister during your first year.
- Our Pacific Academic Solutions and Success (PASS) Programme offers free tutoring, academic writing and exam workshops.

## Get connected at our events

- Our 'Get Fresh' Orientation programme for first-year students will make sure you start UC on the right foot.
- All Pasifika students and their families are welcomed to UC at our 'Pasifika Welcome Day'.
- 'Jandals' evenings are held throughout the year to connect Pacific students and staff. These involve games, quizzes, laughter and food.
- We celebrate student success at our Pasifika Graduation Celebrations in April and December.

## Other resources on offer

- Make use of the dedicated spaces for Pacific students on Ilam and Dovedale campuses.
- We have a number of student cultural groups which you can get involved with to retain, strengthen and promote your Pacific identity.
- The Macmillan Brown Library houses one of the best collections of New Zealand and Pacific archive material, including Pacific art, archives, manuscripts and other material.

*Note: to ensure access to these services, make sure you identify as a Pacific student when enrolling.*

## More information

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**'The Pacific Development Team are brilliant — I loved every moment of being a part of the Pasifika community. The team are so understanding, knowledgeable, and funny too!'**

## Julia Arnott-Neenee

Bachelor of Arts in Political Science with a minor in Media and Communication and a Bachelor of Commerce in Marketing Research and Strategist, Ward6

# International students at high schools in New Zealand



## Am I eligible?

International students who have studied at a New Zealand secondary school qualify for university entrance through NCEA, Cambridge International Examinations (CIE) or International Baccalaureate (IB). See pages 28–29 for details.

## Applying to enrol

If you have studied at a New Zealand secondary school you do not need to apply separately for admission. Applications to enrol open on 3 October and can be done online. Students are strongly encouraged to apply before 11 December.\*

*Note: If you are an international student who did not study at a New Zealand secondary school you need to apply for admission as part of applying to enrol. See the 2018 International Prospectus, out in July, for details.*

## What if I don't meet the criteria?

If you miss out on gaining university entrance UC is here to support you with our International College (UCIC) which offers pathways into the university for international students.

- Foundation Studies Certificate — see page 58
- University Transfer Programmes — this is an intense, supportive programme of study equivalent to the first year of UC's Engineering, Commerce or Science degrees. Upon completion, students can transfer directly into the second year of that degree.

See [www.ucic.ac.nz](http://www.ucic.ac.nz) for details or talk to your International Director, Dean, Careers Advisor or UC's Liaison staff.

## What else do I need to arrange?

International students must have:

- a valid student visa for full-time study at UC. [www.immigration.govt.nz/new-zealand-visas](http://www.immigration.govt.nz/new-zealand-visas)
- medical and travel insurance — find advice at [www.canterbury.ac.nz/international/before-you-arrive-in-new-zealand/insurance](http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/international/before-you-arrive-in-new-zealand/insurance)

You also need to plan:

- your accommodation — take a look at [www.canterbury.ac.nz/future-students/accommodation](http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/future-students/accommodation)
- to complete your enrolment in person on campus before lectures start.

For a checklist of what you need to do see [www.canterbury.ac.nz/international/international-enrolment-in-person](http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/international/international-enrolment-in-person)

## Can I get a scholarship?

You may be eligible for a range of scholarships including the UC International First-Year Scholarship, worth up to \$20,000. Each scholarship has different criteria and may require different documentation. For details and to apply go to [www.canterbury.ac.nz/future-students/fees-and-funding/scholarships-at-uc](http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/future-students/fees-and-funding/scholarships-at-uc)

## Can I work?

It is possible for international students to work up to 20 hours per week during the academic year and full-time during holidays (November – February). See [www.immigration.govt.nz/new-zealand-visas](http://www.immigration.govt.nz/new-zealand-visas)

\* However, international students can enrol up to seven days prior to the official course start date.

## International undergraduate tuition fees (NZ\$) (2017)\*\*

Degree area	Cost for 120 points
Arts, Social Sciences	\$23,800
Accounting, Business, Economics, Finance	\$25,500
Communication Disorders	\$34,200
Computer Science	\$28,200
Sport Coaching, Teaching and Learning (Early Childhood, Primary)	\$23,800
Engineering	\$40,000
Fine Arts and Music	\$28,200
Forestry	\$34,200
Health Sciences	\$29,700
Law	\$28,200
Science (varies depending on subject)	\$28,200–\$29,700

## Additional compulsory fees (NZ\$) (2017)\*\*

Student Services Levy	\$795
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## More information

Freephone in NZ: 0800 VARSITY (827 748)  
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\*\* The fees for 2018 will be set by October 2017. To find out the fees for individual courses go to [www.canterbury.ac.nz/future-students/qualifications-and-courses](http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/future-students/qualifications-and-courses)