

# Master of Linguistics (MLing)

## College Arts

### Key facts about the programme

- 1** Linguistics at UC is co-located with the New Zealand Institute of Language, Brain and Behaviour (NZILBB), a multi-disciplinary centre dedicated to the study of human language.
- 2** Specialist skills and enhanced knowledge.
- 3** Substantial independent research project.



### What does this programme cover?

This new 180-point master's degree is an advanced programme offering specialised courses in linguistic analysis and a significant research component. Master of Linguistics (MLing) students will analyse the relationship between a language and its 'social life'. In a New Zealand context, this means understanding how English has developed over time, and how it continues to change as a marker of NZ identity, as well as understanding the relationship, both past and present, between English and Te Reo Māori.

### What are the entry requirements?

Admission requires one of the following:

- Bachelor's degree with a major in Linguistics, B+ average in 60 points in Linguistics at 300-level
- Bachelor's degree and completed a Graduate Diploma in Arts in Linguistics, B+ average in 60 points in Linguistics at 300-level

- Bachelor's degree or equivalent with a major in Psychology, Sociology, Anthropology, Philosophy, Computer Science, languages, or a different major approved by the Head of the Department of Linguistics, B+ average or better in 60 points of 300-level courses in the majoring subject, B+ in LING 400 English Structures
- Approved by the Programme Director and the Dean of Arts
- International students please refer to the admission requirements <https://checkwhatyouneed.canterbury.ac.nz/home>

You must have one of the following English language requirements:

English	Overall	Lowest Band
IELTS	6.5	6.0
TOEFL	90	19 writing
Pearson	58	50 communicative skills

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#### Start Dates

February  
July  
November

#### Months to Complete

MLing.....12 Months

#### Features

Thesis.....Yes

#### Tuition Fees\*

MLing..... \$39,000

#### Scholarship

For more information on scholarships go to [www.canterbury.ac.nz/get-started/scholarships/](http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/get-started/scholarships/)

\*The price (tuition fee) is indicative for 2020.



‘Linguistics makes me want to learn more about how the mind works and the relationship between language and thought. Doing a Bachelor of Arts allowed me to combine two of my interests, Linguistics and Philosophy, so I appreciate the flexibility of the degree structure.’

**Komei Hemmi – Japan**

Bachelor of Arts in Linguistics and Philosophy  
Bachelor of Arts with Honours in Linguistics



‘The University of Canterbury has a good reputation around the world and it is very international-oriented, The learning atmosphere here is awesome, and people are very nice and eager to help.’

**Dan Jiao – China**

PhD in Linguistics

## What careers can this lead to?

Since Linguistics is concerned with understanding how language works, linguistic training is helpful for a wide range of careers. Graduates are employed in both the public and private sectors, including marketing, sales, public relations, advertising, publishing, law, journalism, travel, tourism and international relations. They also find roles in educational institutions at all levels, in speech and language therapy, in software and computational companies, and in interpreting and translation services.

## Average starting salary

\$50–55,000 with masters degree.

## Average salary by year 5

\$55–75,000 with masters degree.

*Salaries range depending on the organisation, region and expertise. They are indicative of the New Zealand job market at the time of publication and should only be used as a guideline.*

## Enrolment information

### How to apply

Apply online through myUC:  
<https://myuc.canterbury.ac.nz>

### When to enrol

Applications need to be made three months prior to study. Late applications may be accepted.

### Who to contact

College of Arts  
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[www.arts.canterbury.ac.nz](http://www.arts.canterbury.ac.nz)

## Important information

Refer to our website for more information on:

- University of Canterbury
- Christchurch as a study destination
- Student visa and insurance

[www.canterbury.ac.nz/international](http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/international)

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### Why New Zealand?

- 1<sup>st</sup> in the world for Social Capital
- 2<sup>nd</sup> in the world for Personal Freedom, Business Environment & Governance
- 4<sup>th</sup> in the world for Natural Environment

### Why Christchurch?

- Largest city in the South Island
- Easy to get around
- Lowest unemployment rate in Australasia
- Strong economy

### Why the University of Canterbury?

- UC is in the world's top 1% of universities
- Access to the New Zealand Institute for Language, Brain and Behaviour (NZILBB)
- Arts and Humanities top 200
- English Language and Literature Top 150
- Linguistics Top 200