

Certificate in Foundation Studies (CertFounStudies – 120 points)

Not open to new enrolments in 2025.

These regulations must be read in conjunction with the General Regulations for the University.

1. Version

These Regulations came into force on 1 January 2025.

2. Variations

In exceptional circumstances the Tumu Tuarua Akoranga | Deputy Vice-Chancellor Academic or delegate may approve a personal programme of study which does not conform to these Regulations.

3. The structure of the qualification

To qualify for the Certificate in Foundation Studies a student must either:

- (a) be credited with a minimum of 120 points towards the qualification; and
 - (b) be credited with
 - i. 30 points from Schedule C Group 1 to these regulations; and
 - ii. 15 points from Schedule E Group 1 to these regulations; and
 - iii. 15 points from Schedule E Group 2 to these regulations; and
 - iv. 15 points from Schedule C Group 2 to these regulations; and
 - v. 45 points from Schedule E Group 3 to these regulations.
- Or,
- (c) In cases where a student is admitted under clause 4(d), a student must:
 - i. be credited with a minimum of 55 points towards the qualification under clause 7(b); and
 - ii. be credited with a further 60 points from clause 3 (b) iv and v; and
 - iii. be credited with an additional 5 points from Schedule C Group 3 to these regulations.

4. Admission to the qualification

To be admitted to the Certificate in Foundation Studies, a student must:

- (a) qualify with
 - i. NCEA level 2 with 12 credits in each of 3 UE approved subjects; or
 - ii. A minimum of five passes in the CIE O Levels with a pass in Mathematics; or
 - iii. Been admitted with Academic Equivalent Standing as the holder of a similar entrance qualification; and
- (b) demonstrate competency in English by:
 - i. Meeting the English language competency requirements as outlined in Regulation 5 of the Admission Regulations; or
 - ii. Achieving a credit pass in CIE Ordinary Level English; or
 - iii. Achieving a minimum IELTS score of 5.5 with no band lower than 5.0; or
 - iv. Achieving an equivalent result using an alternative approved English language test; and
- (c) Be approved by the Programme Manager.
- (d) In addition to meeting the above criteria in 4 (a), (b), and (c), to be considered for advance standing a student must be qualified with the equivalent of:
 - i. NCEA:
 - a. ten NZQA approved credits in Level 1 Numeracy
 - b. ten NZQA approved credits in Level 2 Literacy (five credits in reading, five credits in writing)
 - c. 14 Credits at level 3 in at least one UE approved subject or equivalent.
 - ii. CIE:
 - a. A or AS level entrance requirement: at least 60 points on the NZ Tariff and a minimum grade of D in each of at least one subject equivalent to those on the UE approved list.
 - b. Numeracy requirement: either
 - (i) A D grade or better in IGCSE or GCSE mathematics; or
 - (ii) Any mathematics pass at AS level or better.

- iii. English language competency
 - a. Meet the undergraduate competency requirements by achieving a minimum overall IELTS score of 6, with no band lower than 5.5, or equivalent, as outlined in Regulation 5 of the Admission Regulations.

5. Subjects

There are no majors, minors or endorsements for this qualification.

6. Time limits

The time limit for this qualification is 24 months.

7. Transfers of credit, substitutions and cross-credits

This qualification adheres to the Credit Recognition and Transfer Regulations with the following stipulations:

- (a) Transfers of Credit, not exceeding 30 points are permitted.
- (b) In cases where a student is admitted under clause 4(d), the student will be credited with up to 55 points as described in clause 3 (b)(i), (ii), (iii) as recognition of prior learning.

8. Progression

This qualification adheres to the General Regulations for the University with no additional stipulations.

9. Honours, Distinction and Merit

Honours, Distinction and Merit are not awarded for this qualification.

10. Exit and Upgrade Pathways to other Qualifications

- (a) A student who has completed the requirements for the Certificate in Foundation Studies may apply for admission to undergraduate qualifications of the University.
- (b) There is no exit qualification for this Certificate.

Schedule C: Compulsory Courses for the Certificate in Foundation Studies

For full course information, go to courseinfo.canterbury.ac.nz

Group 1

Course Code	Course Title	Pts	2025	Location	P/C/R/RP/EQ
TRNS023	English Language 2: Introducing Crown and Māori Relations to English Language Learners	15	NO		
TRNS026	English Language 1: Writing and Reading for Academic Study	15	NO		

Group 2

Course Code	Course Title	Pts	2025	Location	P/C/R/RP/EQ	
TRNS001	Introduction to Academic Writing	15		SU2	Campus	P: Subject to approval of the Programme Manager. R: PREP001, BRDG006
				SU2	Distance Learning	
				B1	Campus	
				B1	Distance Learning	
				B3	Campus	
				B3	Distance Learning	

Group 3

Course Code	Course Title	Pts	2025	Location	P/C/R/RP/EQ
TRNS030	Ngā Herenga: Bridging the divide between the Crown and iwi Māori	5	NO		

Schedule E: Elective Courses for the Certificate in Foundation Studies

Group 1

Course Code	Course Title	Pts	2025	Location	P/C/R/RP/EQ
TRNS020	Thinking about Learning and Education	15	NO		
TRNS027	The Foundations of Marketing and Management	15	NO		
TRNS028	An Introduction to the Physical Sciences	15	NO		

Group 2

Course Code	Course Title	Pts	2025	Location	P/C/R/RP/EQ
TRNS007	Preparatory Mathematics	15	SU2	Campus	P: Subject to approval of the Programme Manager. R: BRDG015, FOUN046, BRDG018, BRDG016
			B1	Campus	
			B3	Campus	
TRNS009	An Introduction to Statistics and Probability	15	SU2	Campus	P: Subject to approval of the Programme Manager. R: PREP005, BRDG019
			SU2	Distance Learning	
			B1	Campus	
			B1	Distance Learning	
			B3	Campus	
			B3	Distance Learning	

Group 3

Course Code	Course Title	Pts	2025	Location	P/C/R/RP/EQ
TRNS003	Introduction to Social Issues and Challenges	15	SU1	Campus	P: Subject to approval of the Programme Manager R: BRDGo11 and BRDGo34
			SU1	Distance Learning	
			B2	Campus	
			B2	Distance Learning	
			B4	Campus	
			B4	Distance Learning	
TRNS005	Exploring the Psychology and Biology of the Human Mind	15	SU1	Campus	P: Subject to approval of the Programme Manager
			SU1	Distance Learning	
			B2	Campus	
			B2	Distance Learning	
			B4	Campus	
			B4	Distance Learning	
TRNS006	Elementary Chemistry	15	SU1	Campus	P: Subject to approval of the Programme Manager. R: PREP010, BRDGo23
			B2	Campus	
			B4	Campus	
TRNS008	Fundamentals of Physics	15	SU1	Campus	P: TRNS007 R: FOUN060, BRDGo24
			B2	Campus	
			B4	Campus	
TRNS010	Digital Data: An exploration of the use and pervasiveness of data in a digitised society	15	SU1	Campus	P: Subject to approval of the Programme Manager
			SU1	Distance Learning	
			B2	Campus	
			B2	Distance Learning	
			B4	Campus	
			B4	Distance Learning	
TRNS011	An Introduction to Business	15	SU1	Campus	P: Subject to approval of the Programme Manager R: BRDGo28, BRDGo29
			SU1	Distance Learning	
			B2	Campus	
			B2	Distance Learning	
			B4	Campus	
			B4	Distance Learning	
TRNS017	Mathematics with Calculus	15	SU1	Campus	P: FOUN046, BRDGo16, or equivalent. Subject to approval of the Programme Manager. R: FOUN047, BRDGo17