2027 International Prospectus

UNIVERSITY OF CANTERBURY
Te Whare Wānanga o Waitaha
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Kia ora (Hello)

We're in a little corner of the planet, but here in Aotearoa New Zealand's South Island, UC offers a lifestyle unlike anywhere else — adventure, art, Māori culture, biodiversity, stunning landscapes — all while studying at a globally connected institution.

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Nau mai, haere mai — Welcome to Te Whare Wānanga o Waitaha University of Canterbury

Choosing where to study is an important decision — one that can shape your future, broaden your perspective, and connect you with people, ideas, and opportunities from around the world.

At the University of Canterbury (UC), you will become part of a welcoming, globally connected learning and research community. Here, you will be supported to explore your ambitions, develop the skills and confidence to thrive in a changing world, and prepare to make a meaningful impact wherever your future takes you.

UC is home to more than 25,000 students from over 100 countries. We bring together people from many cultures, backgrounds, and perspectives, creating a rich environment for learning, connection, and personal growth. Through a wide range of student-led clubs and activities, you will have opportunities to discover new interests, build friendships, and feel part of a supportive community.

Student success is at the heart of the UC experience. Our programmes are designed to develop knowledge, practical skills, critical thinking, and global awareness, helping you prepare for career opportunities in Aotearoa New Zealand and around the world. In 2025, our students rated UC's teaching quality at 91%, and 91% of our graduates were employed or pursuing further study within a year of completing their degree.

UC is also ranked #2 in New Zealand for employability outcomes in the 2026 QS World University Rankings.

Ranked among the world's top 300 universities, UC is internationally recognised for academic excellence, research impact, and future-focused education. Our teaching and research are shaped by strong local and global connections, a commitment to sustainability, and a focus on addressing the challenges that matter to communities here in New Zealand and around the world.

Located in Ōtautahi Christchurch, one of the world's Top 100 student cities, UC offers a safe, welcoming, and affordable lifestyle that balances study, recreation, and exploration. With beaches, mountains, green spaces, and outdoor adventures close by, Christchurch is an inspiring place to live and learn — and an ideal base from which to experience New Zealand.

No matter where you are from or where you are heading, UC offers a place to learn, grow, connect, and prepare for what comes next.

We look forward to welcoming you to our community.

About the University of Canterbury

Established in 1873, the University of Canterbury was New Zealand's second university. We strive to be a welcoming community that supports and encourages you, no matter where you come from or what your interests are.

150 years of excellence

Starting as Canterbury College, UC was renamed Canterbury University College in 1933 before becoming the University of Canterbury in 1957.

For our first 100 years, we were situated in the centre of Christchurch (now the Arts Centre), but moved in 1975. We are currently located in a purpose-built 76-hectare site in the suburb of Ilam — like a small city between the sea and the mountains.

UC's Ilam campus has a central complex of libraries, lecture theatres, laboratories, and student accommodation surrounded by playing fields, a river, and the historic Ilam Homestead surrounded by its internationally renowned gardens.

The Dovedale campus, a short walk from the Ilam campus, is a vibrant creative hub featuring new, modern facilities for film production, game development, and cross-reality technologies.

We have an extensive network of research field stations including Kaikōura, Cass, Westport, Harihari (South Westland), and Aotearoa New Zealand's premier astronomical research facility at Mt John in Tekapo.

UC AT A GLANCE (2025)

27,121
students enrolled

1,502
international students enrolled

166
research degree completions (doctorates)

Legends of UC

From scientists, prime ministers, journalists, artists, and entrepreneurs, many legends have graduated from UC.

Ernest Rutherford
The first person to split an atom, and a Nobel Prize winner. UC's Rutherford Regional Science and Innovation Centre (RRSIC) is named in his honour.

Jack Erskine
Physicist and electrical engineer after whom our UC Erskine Fellowship is named. Our mathematics and statistics building is also named in his honour.

Elsie Locke
A writer and historian who fought for women's rights, nuclear disarmament, social justice, and the environment long before these causes became popular. Our Faculty of Arts building is named in her honour.

Beatrice Tinsley
Known as the 'Queen of the Cosmos' and has a mountain named after her. UC's Science precinct has a building named in her honour since 2019.

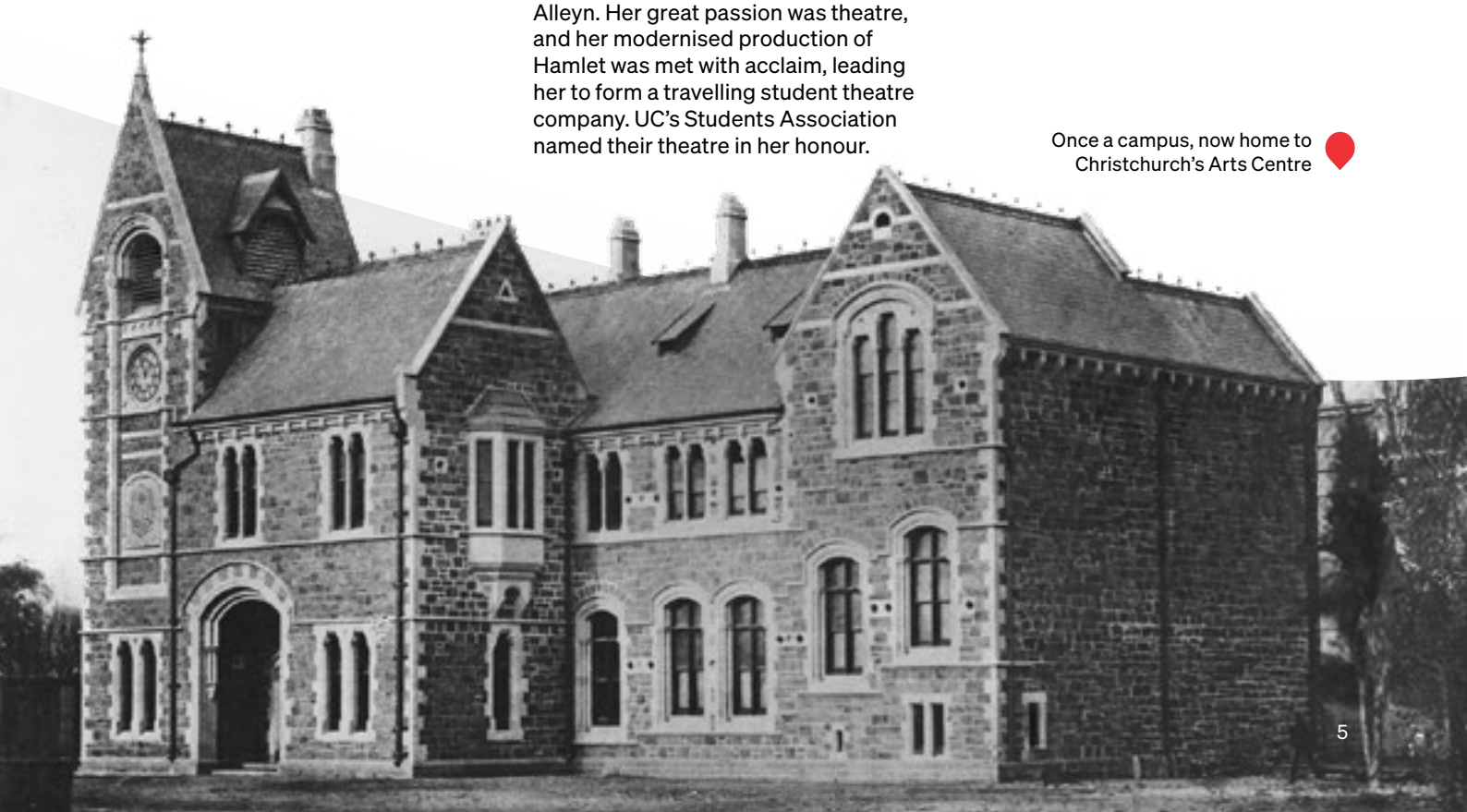
Sir Āpirana Ngata
The first Māori graduate from a New Zealand university, who went on to become a renowned leader, land reformer, and politician. A contemporary of Ernest Rutherford, portraits of the two UC legends are on New Zealand's $50 and $100 notes respectively.

Dame Ngaio Marsh
Known as a 'Queen of Crime', she is best known for her 32 novels about London detective, Inspector Roderick Alleyn. Her great passion was theatre, and her modernised production of Hamlet was met with acclaim, leading her to form a travelling student theatre company. UC's Students Association named their theatre in her honour.

Karl Popper
One of the greatest philosophers of the 20th century was a professor at UC. The School of Humanities building was named after his passing in 1994 and is now home to the Faculty of Law.

Rita Angus
A pioneer of modern painting known for showcasing her love of humanity in her art.

Anthony Wilding
Former world no. 1 tennis player and winner of 11 Grand Slam titles, and was considered to be the world's first tennis superstar.



Once a campus, now home to Christchurch's Arts Centre

Why Aotearoa New Zealand?

As an international student, you can experience all that Aotearoa has to offer, from dynamic cities to breathtaking landscapes and unlimited outdoor adventure.

NEW ZEALAND IS

2nd	in the world for racial equity[1]
3rd	most peaceful country[2]
5th	in the world for following rule of law.

[1]2024 U.S. News & World Report.
[2]Global Peace Index, 2025.
[3]World Justice Project, 2025.

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overall best country in the world

(US News & World Report, 2024)

University of Canterbury
Mt John Observatory
Lake Tekapo

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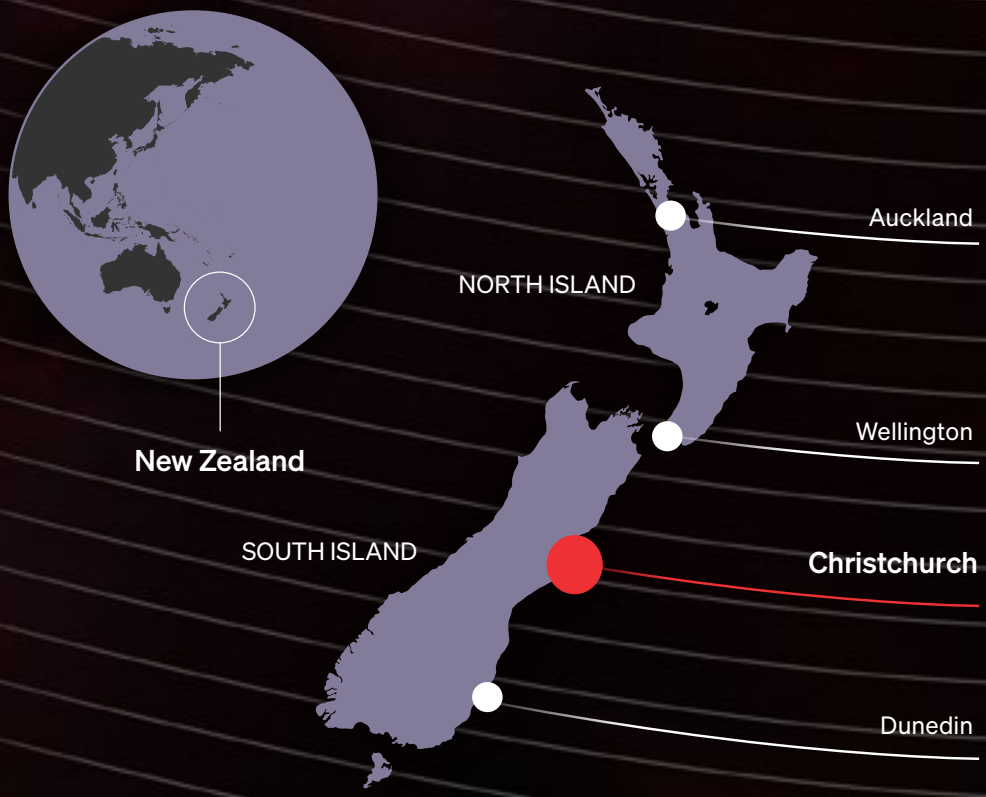

New Zealand
NORTH ISLAND
SOUTH ISLAND
Auckland
Wellington
Christchurch
Dunedin

Why Ōtautahi Christchurch?

Christchurch is the second largest city in the country, and the international gateway to the South Island. Here, you can balance study, work, and leisure.

Explore our part of the world

Christchurch is a city where you can breathe, with over 700 parks and gardens to explore including Hagley Park, the largest in the southern hemisphere. Low traffic congestion means that you can reach most parts of the city in a 20-minute drive.

As the largest and most central city in the South Island, it is the perfect base from which to explore — you can ski and surf in the same day!

Join our community

Christchurch is one of the world's most modern and sustainable cities — a place where innovation and cultural identity go hand in hand. Its transformation has been shaped through a close partnership with Ngāi Tūāhuriri, the mana whenua or indigenous guardians of the Christchurch area, whose stories and values are woven into the city's design. Across Christchurch, you'll experience a living cultural narrative — reflected in its architecture, public spaces, and the University of Canterbury campus — where tradition and progress come together to create a truly unique sense of place.

QUALITY OF LIFE

94	Top 100 best student cities[1]
1	for greatest place to live in New Zealand[2]
1	for work life balance in New Zealand[2]
1300	parks and reserves

[1]QS Best Student Cities, 2026.
[2]Quality of Life survey, New Zealand, 2024.

Sumner Beach

419,200

people live in Christchurch
(source: StatsNZ)

Christchurch City

What sets Christchurch apart?

We are in a city of entrepreneurial spirit, shaped by future-focused, sustainable businesses and people doing things differently.

You will find:

- new modern infrastructure
- favourable rent-income ratio
- affordable housing
- vibrant art in the city
- a diverse, innovative community
- a strong education sector.

A digital city in the making

Christchurch leads the way in innovation, research, and technology, and is home to the country's second largest tech sector, resulting in a strong demand for UC graduates.

Canterbury's economy is growing faster than the national average, creating opportunities in a rapidly expanding job market.

Innovation opportunities

Christchurch is ranked in the world's top 350 cities for start-ups. Sectors where Canterbury has a competitive advantage, opportunity of scale, and value chain collaboration are:

- cleantech
- aerospace
- IT and high-tech services
- health and medical technology
- engineering.

Future growth industries

3rd	largest tech sector in New Zealand
44th	in the world for cleantech, and highest in New Zealand *(StartupBlink Global Startup Ecosystem Index 2025)*

christchurchnz.com/business/growth-sectors

Diversity

1/4	of Christchurch residents are from a different country

Statistics NZ, Census 2023

Cost of living

12%	cheaper rental homes than Auckland
38%	cheaper than Sydney to rent *(source: ChristchurchNZ)*

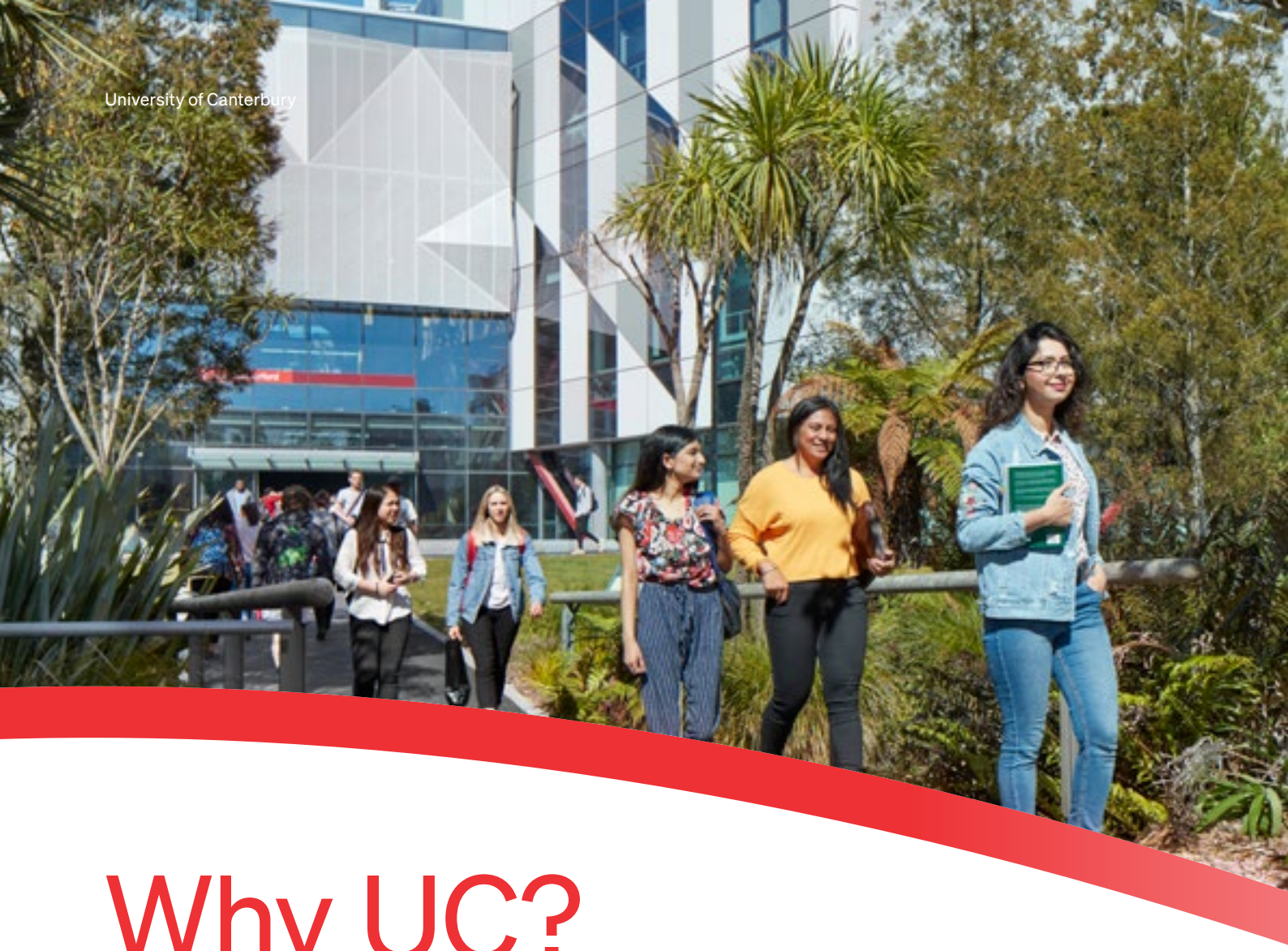
Trademe Property news and advice, April 2026

Life in Christchurch

In Christchurch, there's always a way for you to be part of something exciting — home to multinationals and future growth industries: aerospace and future transport, health tech and resilient communities, food and agritech, and IT.

UC is a well situated campus, central to Christchurch, and easy to get around, whether you walk, bike, ride the bus, or drive.

Central business district (CBD)
→ 10-minute drive from UC
Port Hills
→ 20-minute drive from UC
Westfield shopping mall
→ 5-minute drive from UC
UC Student Association (UCSA)
Asian supermarket and restaurants
→ 15-minute walk from UC
UC accommodation



Why UC?

The University of Canterbury cultivates curious students and delivers creative and innovative research for the benefit of both local and global communities.

World-class university

Our academic staff explore their fields of expertise with passion, encourage conversations and challenges, and share their discoveries to create better outcomes for everyone. They often write the textbooks you will study. We also bring in academics from universities around the world, including Oxford and Cambridge, via our Erskine Fellowship programme.

UC partners with many overseas universities to support research, innovation, digital learning, and develop talent.

Hands-on experience

Many of our courses offer internships, community engagement, and access to world-class field stations like the Mount John observatory and Cass field station. We have lots of resources to support your study including over 1.9 million research items in UC's three libraries, innovative learning hubs, online portal and interactive resources, and well-equipped laboratories.

IMPROVE YOUR JOB OUTCOMES

Our latest Graduate Destination Survey (2025) revealed:

91%	of UC graduates found jobs or involved in further study
27	countries where graduates work
$	More than half our graduates earned between $60,001-$90,000 in a year

AACSB ACCREDITED EQUIS ACCREDITED ASSOCIATION OF MBAS ACCREDITED

Our faculties

- Arts | Toi Tangata
- Education | Ako
- Engineering | Pūhanga
- Law | Ture
- Health | Oranga
- Science | Pūtaiao
- UC Business School | Te Kura Umanga

Cutting-edge research

UC is home to cutting-edge research facilities including:

Field stations

- **Mount John Observatory** ▲ Aotearoa New Zealand's premier astronomical research facility
- Cass Mountain Research Area (CMRA)
- Westport Maxwell Gage and Brian Mason research facilities
- Harihari forestry station.

Centres and institutes

- **Gateway Antarctica** ▲ Centre for Antarctic Studies and Research
- Biomolecular Interaction Centre
- Human Interface Technology Laboratory (HITLabNZ)
- MacDiarmid Institute for Advanced Materials and Nanotechnology
- New Zealand Institute of Language, Brain and Behaviour
- National ICT Innovation Institute (NZi3)
- Social Science Research Centre
- The Institute of Law, Emergencies and Disasters (LEAD)
- Waterways Centre for Freshwater Management.

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for employability outcomes and employer reputation in Aotearoa New Zealand

(QS World Rankings, 2027)

Aoraki Mount Cook

International partnerships

UC has strong global connections, meaning you can study a semester abroad with one of our exchange partners, or an international short course with your classmates.

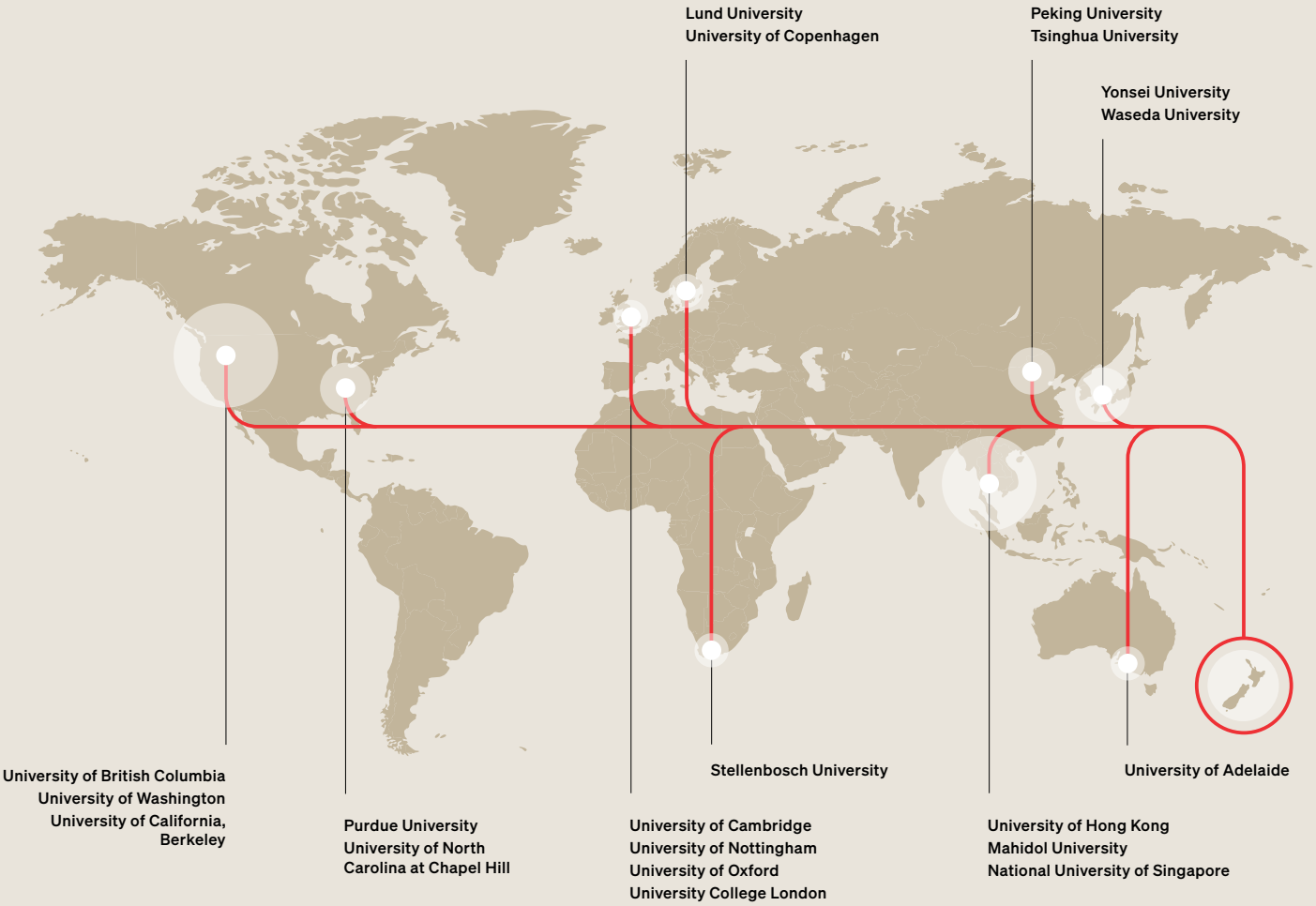
Some of our partner universities are depicted below.

Dual degree programmes

We also provide opportunities for students from partner institutions to study part of their qualification in their home country and then complete it at UC through articulation agreements and dual degree programmes.

Global Partners

Find out more about our 100+ partnerships with institutions around the globe.



TIMES HIGHER EDUCATION (THE) IMPACT RANKINGS 2026

Top 200

in the world for global impact

Top 50

in the world for contribution to these United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals: *Sustainable Cities and Communities; Climate Action; Responsible Consumption and Production.*

Sustainability focus

Sustainability is built into the way we do things at UC, from curriculum, community engagement to our facilities on campus. UC is committed to contributing to the United Nations' 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). See what UC is doing today to support these goals:

canterbury.ac.nz/life/sustainability

UC clubs

With 160+ clubs, UC has a vibrant clubs scene. The UC Students' Association (UCSA) plays a key role in your UC experience and provides a wide range of services.

Some featured clubs include:

- Student Volunteer Army (SVA)
- Asian Kiwi Society
- UC Aerospace Club
- Anime Society
- Canterbury Malaysian Students' Association (CMSA)
- UC Global Society (UCGS)
- Global China Connection Canterbury
- Japan Society
- UC AfroSoc
- UC Indian Student Association
- UC French Society
- UC Korean Society.

ucsa.org.nz/clubs

Our campuses

Ilam Campus

Ilam is our main campus. We have natural spaces for recreation and relaxation that foster a strong sense of place and connection. Our secure, accessible campus has all the facilities you need to thrive. We are a beautiful walkable campus.

Dovedale Campus

Dovedale Campus is the home of UC's Bachelor of Digital Screen with Honours degree and Kōawa Studios (UC's commercial screen hub), providing a unique opportunity for the creative technology sector to drive world-class education, projects and facilities.

UC Arts central city location

The Arts Centre is where you'll find our Music and Classics classes and lectures, alongside a vibrant programme of concerts, seminars, and museum tours.

SUSTAINABILITY STUDIES

UC offers a range of study options in sustainability like:

- Environmental Science
- Social and Environmental Sustainability
- Forestry Science
- Product Design
- Disaster Risk and Resilience
- Sustainable Energy Engineering
- Water and Environmental Systems Engineering.

Sustainability Hub

Take a look at study options, research, and campus operations in sustainability.

UC Qualifications

Undergraduate programmes index

Transition pathways by UCIC	Duration	Start semester	2027 fee* (per 120 points)	Page
Certificate in Foundation Studies	8 months	Feb, June, Oct	$28,842	67
Diploma in University Studies	1 year	Feb, June, Oct	$37,691–$47,120	67

Diploma in	Duration	Start semester	2027 fee* (per 120 points)	Page
Diploma in Arts	1 year	1, 2	$35,600	28
Diploma in Commerce	1 year	1, 2	$37,900	34
Diploma in Health	1 year	1, 2	$40,300	52
Diploma in Science	1 year	1, 2	$45,000	62
Diploma in Sport	1 year	1, 2	$37,990	52

Bachelor of	Duration	Start semester	2027 fee* (per 120 points)	Page
Ako: Teaching and Learning	3 years	1	$35,610	39
Arts	3 years	1, 2	$36,410	28
Commerce	3 years	1, 2	$39,590	34
Communication	3 years	1	$36,150	28
Criminal Justice	3 years	1	$39,560	57
Data Science	3 years	1, 2	$43,930	62
Digital Screen with Honours	4 years	1	$48,350	28
Engineering with Honours	4 years	1	$49,540 (First year) $54,180 (2–4 years)	45
Environmental Science with Honours	4 years	1, 2	$43,800	62
Fine Arts	4 years	1	$40,435	28
Forestry Science	4 years	1, 2	$44,930	45
Health	3 years	1, 2	$43,820	52
Laws	4 years	1	$40,270	57
Music	3 years	1, 2	$41,240	28
Product Design	3 years	1, 2	$47,125	45
Psychological Sciences	3 years	1, 2	$43,140	62
Science	3 years	1, 2	$44,980	62
Social and Environmental Sustainability	3 years	1, 2	$37,960	28
Social Work with Honours	4 years	1	$36,415	52
Speech and Language Pathology with Honours	4 years	1	$44,150 (First year) $49,025 (2–4 years)	62
Sport	3 years	1, 2	$37,325–$40,560	52
Youth and Community Leadership	3 years	1, 2	$37,050	39

* Indicative fees only

Bachelor with Honours in	Duration	Start semester	2027 fee* (per 120 points)	Page
Arts	1 year	1, 2	$40,200	28
Commerce	1 year	1	$39,600	34
Fine Arts	1 year	1	$45,800	28
Music	1 year	1	$45,800	28
Science	1 year	1, 2	$47,600	63
Psychological Science	1 year	1	$47,600	63

Graduate Certificate in	Duration	Start semester	2027 fee* (per 60 points)	Page
Health	6 months	1, 2	$22,500	52
Laws	6 months	1, 2	$21,050	57
Sport Coaching	6 months	1, 2	$17,800	52

Graduate Diploma in	Duration	Start semester	2027 fee* (per 120 points)	Page
Arts	1 year	1, 2	$35,600	28
Commerce	1 year	1, 2	$37,900	34
Criminal Justice	1 year	1, 2	$35,600	57
Health	1 year	1, 2	$45,000	52
Journalism	1 year	1	$35,600	28
Laws	1 year	1, 2	$42,100	57
Psychological Science	1 year	1, 2	$45,000	63
Science	1 year	1, 2	$45,000	63
Strategic Communication	1 year	1, 2	$35,600	28
Teaching and Learning (endorsed in Primary or Secondary Education)	1 year	Feb	$36,625 (150 points)	39
Teaching and Learning (Early Childhood)	1 year	Feb	$36,625 (150 points)	39

Postgraduate programmes index

Postgraduate Certificate in	Duration	Start semester	2027 fee* (per 60 points)	Page
Antarctic Studies	6 months	1	$23,800	63
Architectural Engineering	6 months	1, 2	$27,300	45
Artificial Intelligence	6 months	1, 2	$23,800	46
Arts	6 months	1, 2	$20,100	28
Business	6 months	1, 2	$19,800	34
Business Information Systems	6 months	1, 2	$19,800	34
Civil Engineering	6 months	1, 2	$27,300	46
Counselling Studies	6 months	1	$23,800	52
Criminal Justice	6 months	1, 2	$20,100	58
Engineering	6 months	1, 2	$27,300	46
Geospatial Data Science	6 months	1, 2	$23,800	63
Health Science	6 months	1, 2	$23,800	52
Illustration	6 months	1, 2	$18,000	28
Information Systems and Technology	6 months	1, 2	$19,800	34

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Postgraduate Certificate in	Duration	Start semester	2027 fee* (per 60 points)	Page
International Law and Politics	6 months	1, 2	$19,800	58
Māori & Indigenous Leadership	6 months	1, 2	$18,000	28
Palliative Care	6 months	1, 2	$23,800	52
Science	6 months	1, 2	$23,800	63
Sport Science	6 months	1, 2	$23,800	52
Strategic Communication	6 months	1, 2	$20,100	28
Strategic Leadership	9 months	Feb, Apr, July, Sept	$21,900	34
Tertiary Teaching	6 months	1, 2	$20,100	40
Translation and Interpreting	6 months	1	$18,000	28
Virtual Production	6 months	1	$18,000	28

Postgraduate Diploma in	Duration	Start semester	2027 fee* (per 120 points)	Page
Applied Data Science	1 year	1, 2	$39,600	46
Art Curatorship	1 year	1, 2	$36,000	28
Artificial Intelligence	1 year	1, 2	$47,600	46
Artificial Intelligence and Digital Education**	1 year	Feb, July, Nov	$40,200	40
Arts	1 year	1, 2	$36,000	28
Business	1 year	1, 2	$39,600	34
Business Information Systems	1 year	1, 2	$39,600	34
Child and Family Psychology	3 years	1	$47,600	52
Clinical Psychology	3 years	1	$47,600	52
Criminal Justice	1 year	1, 2	$40,200	58
Education	1 year	1, 2	$40,200	40
Educational Leadership**	1 year	Feb, July, Nov	$40,200	40
Executive Business Administration	1 year	Feb, May, Aug	$43,800	34
Fine Arts	1 year	1	$45,800	28
Forestry	1 year	1, 2	$49,100	46
Geospatial Data Science	1 year	1	$47,600	63
Health Leadership and Management	1 year	1, 2	$47,600	52
Health Sciences	1 year	1, 2	$47,600	52
Illustration	1 year	1, 2	$36,000	28
Inclusive Education**	1 year	Feb, July, Nov	$40,200	40
Information Systems and Technology	1 year	1,2	$39,600	35
Literacy in Education**	1 year	Feb, July, Nov	$40,200	40
Organisational Psychology	1 year	Jan	$47,600	63
Professional Supervision	1 year	1,2	$47,600	53
Psychological Science	1 year	1, 2	$47,600	63
Public Health	1 year	1	$47,600	52
Science	1 year	1, 2	$47,600	63
Sport Science	1 year	1, 2	$47,600	53
Strategic Communication	1 year	1, 2	$40,200	28

* Indicative fees only
** Subject to TEC approval

Postgraduate Diploma in	Duration	Start semester	2027 fee* (per 120 points)	Page
Teaching and Learning (endorsed in Primary or Secondary Education)	1 year	1	$45,000 (150 points)	39
Teaching and Learning (Early Childhood)***	1 year	1	$45,000 (150 points)	39
Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages***	1 year	Feb, July, Nov	Check website	40
Translation and Interpreting	1 year	1, 2	$36,000	29
Transport Planning***	1 year	1, 2	Check website	63
Virtual Production	1 year	1	$36,000	29

Pre-Master's pathways by UCIC	Duration	Start semester	2027 fee*	Page
Certificate in Postgraduate Preparation	16 weeks	Feb, June, Oct	$17,800 (60 points)	67
Diploma in Postgraduate Preparation	32 weeks	Feb, June, Oct	$35,900 (120 points)	67

Master of	Duration	Start semester	Estimated total tuition fee	Page
Aerospace Engineering	16 months	1, 2	$81,900 (180 points)	46
Antarctic Studies	1 year	July	$71,400 (180 points)	63
Applied Finance and Economics	12–13 months	Jan	$59,400 (180 points)	35
Architectural Engineering	1 year	Feb, Aug	$54,600 (120 points)	46
Artificial Intelligence	1½ years	1, 2	$59,400 (180 points)	46
Artificial Intelligence and Digital Education**	1½ years	Feb, July, Nov	$60,300 (180 points)	40
Arts	1–2 years	1, 2	$60,300 (180 points)	29
Arts (Thesis)	1–2 years	Start of month	$40,200 (120 points)	29
Audiology	2 years	1	$95,200 (240 points)	64
Civil Engineering	1 year	1	$54,600 (120 points)	46
Commerce	12–16 months	1, 2	$59,400 (180 points)	35
Counselling	2–4	1	$95,200 (240 points)	53
Criminal Justice	1 year	1	$60,300 (180 points)	58
Education	18 months	1, 2	$60,300 (180 points)	40
Education (Thesis)	1–2 years	First day of month	$40,200 (120 points)	41
Educational Leadership**	1½ years	Feb, July, Nov	$60,300 (180 points)	41
Engineering	1–3	Varies	$54,600 (120 points)	46
Engineering in Fire Engineering	16–36 months	1	$102,375 (225 points)	46
Engineering Studies	1 year	1, 2	$54,600 (120 points)	47
Financial Analysis	16 months	1	$59,400 (180 points)	35
Fine Arts	1 year	1	$45,800 (120 points)	29
Fire Engineering Studies	1 year	1	$54,600 (120 points)	47
Forestry Science	1–2 years	1, 2	$98,200 (240 points)	47
Geospatial Data Science	1 year	1	$71,400 (180 points)	64
Health Leadership and Management	1½ years	1, 2	$71,400 (180 points)	53
Health Sciences	2 years	1, 2	$95,200 (240 points)	53
Health Sciences Professional Practice	16 months	1, 2	$71,400 (180 points)	53
Human Interface Technologies	1 year	1	$54,600 (120 points)	47

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Master of	Duration	Start semester	Estimated total tuition fee	Page
Illustration	1½ years	1, 2	$54,000 (180 points)	29
Inclusive Education**	1½ years	Feb, July, Nov	$60,300 (180 points)	41
Laws	1 year	Start anytime	$45,800 (120 points)	58
Laws (International Law and Politics)	1–2 years	1, 2	$39,600 (120 points)	58
Literacy in Education	1½ years	Feb, July, Nov	$60,300 (180 points)	41
Music	1 year	1, 2	$45,800 (120 points)	29
Professional Accounting	16 months	1, 2	$59,400 (180 points)	35
Professional Master of Computer Science	1 year	1	$71,400 (180 points)	47
Public Health	16 months	1	$71,400 (180 points)	53
Renewable Energy Engineering	1	1, 2	$54,600 (120 points)	47
Science	1–2 years	1, 2	$95,200 (240 points)	64
Sport Science	16 months	1, 2	$71,400 (180 points)	53
Transport Planning***	1½ years	1	Check website	64
Urban Resilience and Renewal	1 year	1	$71,400 (180 points)	64
Virtual Production	1½ years	1	$54,000 (180 points)	29
Water Science and Management	1 year	1	$71,400 (180 points)	64

Doctoral programmes index

Doctor of	Duration	Start semester	2027 fee* (per 120 points)	Page
Musical Arts	3 years	Start of any month	$45,800	29
Philosophy (PhD)	3–4 years	Start of any month	$8,570–$10,321	See faculty section

* Indicative fees only
** Subject to TEC approval
*** Subject to CUAP and TEC approval

Please note

The 'Tuition fee total' is an estimate only. Your total study cost will depend on the courses you choose, and will include additional costs such as student levies, insurance, retakes, and other course-related costs.

While we do our best to ensure all fees are correct at the time of this publication's release, we strongly recommend that you discuss all possible costs with your agent.

See how international fees work.

Special Programme Fees

While most tuition fees are determined by adding the fees for each enrolled course, some qualifications instead have a Special Programme Fee. This means you pay a set fee for the whole qualification at the beginning of your studies, even if it takes 18-24 months to complete.

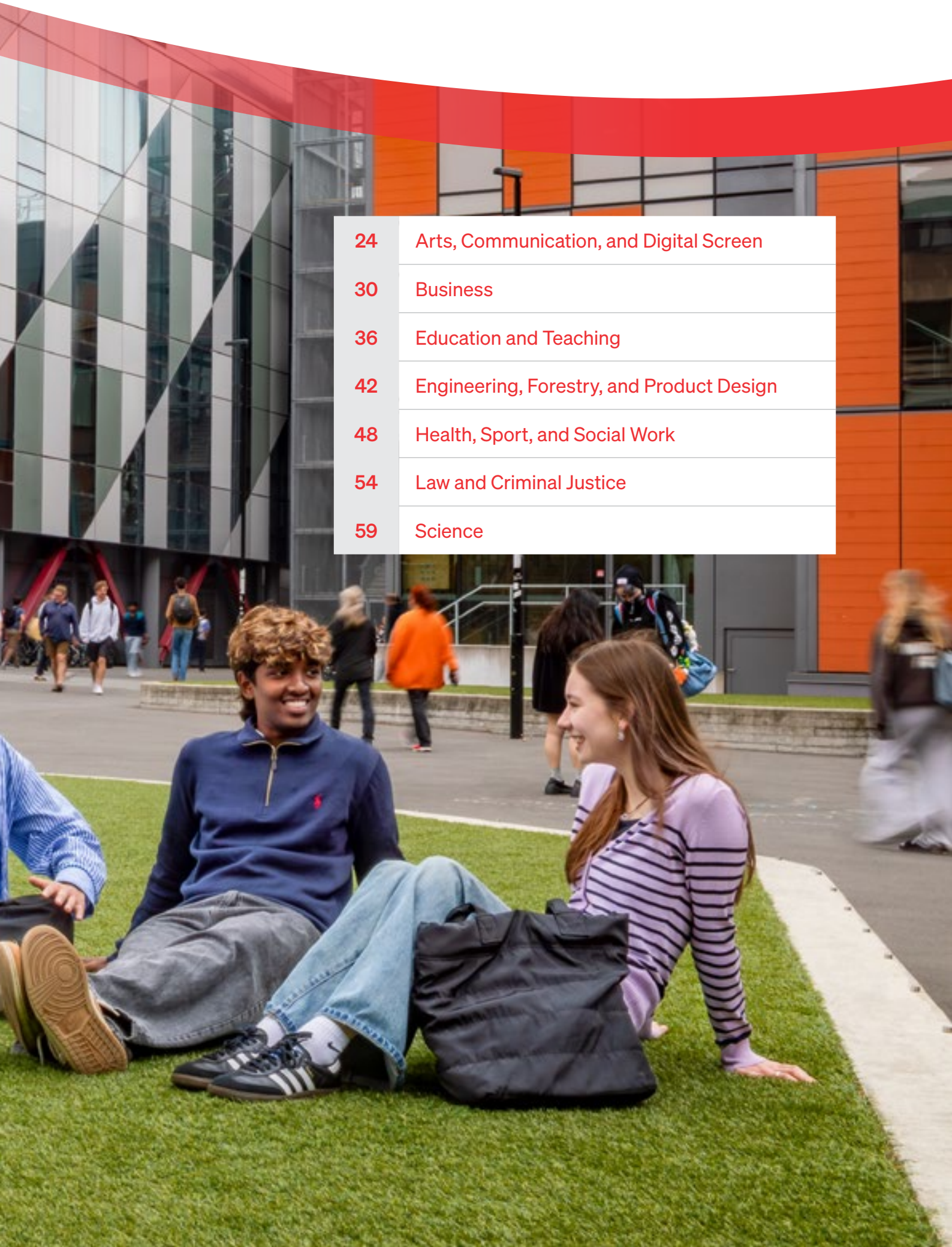
The Special Programme Fee does not include non-tuition fees like the Student Service Levy (SSL) and insurance, and does not cover repeated courses, so any courses taken over the points value of your qualification will be charged at the current rate.

Master of	Duration	Start semester	Special Programme Fee (total)	Page
Applied Data Science	1 year	1, 2	$59,400 (180 points)	46
Applied Translation and Interpreting	12–16 months	1	$54,000 (180 points)	29
Business Information Systems	16 months	1, 2	$56,850 (180 points)	35
Business Management	1½ years	1, 2	$59,400 (180 points)	35
Disaster Risk and Resilience	1 year	1	$68,850 (180 points)	64
Engineering Management	1½ years	1	$59,400 (180 points)	47
European Union Studies	16 months	1, 2	$54,000 (180 points)	29
Executive Business Administration	16 months	Feb, May, Sept	$65,700 (180 points)	35
Financial Engineering	1 year	1	$59,400 (180 points)	35
International Relations and Diplomacy	1 year	1	$54,000 (180 points)	29
Linguistics	1 year	1, 2	$54,000 (180 points)	29
Marketing	17 months	1, 2	$59,400 (180 points)	35
Mathematical Sciences	16 months	1, 2	$59,400 (180 points)	47
Policy and Governance	16 months	1	$54,000 (180 points)	29
Product Design	16 months	1, 2	$69,900 (180 points)	47
Product Innovation	16 months	1, 2	$69,900 (180 points)	47
Professional Master of Engineering Geology	1 year	1	$68,850 (180 points)	64
Social Work (Applied)	2 years	1	$72,000 (240 points)	53
Speech and Language Pathology	2 years	1	$91,800 (240 points)	64
Strategic Communication	16 months	1	$54,000 (180 points)	29
Teaching and Learning (Primary or Secondary Education)	13 months	Feb	$54,000 (180 points)	39
Teaching and Learning (Early Childhood)*	13 months	Feb	$54,000 (180 points)	39
Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages	1 year	Feb, July, Nov	$54,000 (180 points)	41
Writing	16 months	1, 2	$54,000 (180 points)	29

*Subject to CUAP and TEC approval

University of Canterbury

Study UC



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Arts

With many research centres and over 50 subjects spanning the humanities, social science, languages, and creative arts, UC Arts is the place to broaden your perspectives and gain an outstanding education.

ARTS RANKINGS

Top 100

in the world for Linguistics*

Top 250

in the world for Social Sciences**

* QS World University Rankings by subject, 2026

** Times Higher Education World Subject Rankings, 2026

Join our vibrant community

UC invites you to explore our 160+ clubs such as UC Global Society, and UC Digital Screen Society.

ucsa.org.nz/clubs

Apply to Arts today

Sign up to MyUC to begin your admissions application.

myuc.canterbury.ac.nz/login

WHAT ARTS OFFER

50

subjects offered by UC Arts.

Make creative projects in the Digital Screen degree with support from academics and industry partners.

Find out more about Arts.

UC's Faculty of Arts has a wide range of degrees and qualifications.

Creativity meets technology

The Bachelor of Digital Screen with Honours is a professional degree in creative technology and innovation, based at UC's Dovedale Campus. This hub features industry-level production and post-production facilities, including a virtual production stage, green screen room, motion capture studio, and sound edit suites. Students collaborate across film, game development, and cross-reality projects, learning directly from industry experts and globally recognised academics. With strong connections to the screen industry and hands-on experience at every stage, the degree offers an inspiring environment to prepare for a career in the creative sector.

Key research centres

Research is integral to our work and our academics are engaged in fundamental and applied research. Key research centres include

- Confucius Institute
- Hei Puāwaitanga: Sustainability, Citizenship and Civic Imagination Research Group
- The Media Innovation Lab
- Southeast Asia Research Initiative.

Hands-on learning

UC prepares you for the workforce with:

- Internship opportunities
- State-of-the-art, industry-grade facilities
- Work Integrated learning experiences.

Apply for a scholarship

UC offers Dean's Awards available to all international students, and the High Achievers Scholarship (HAS) for prospective students from China, India and Southeast Asia.

To learn more about scholarships at UC, go to **page 66**.

SCHOLARSHIP

The UC International First Year Scholarship (Offshore)

Criteria:
Up to 7 scholarships available for international students enrolled full-time in the first year of a programme.

Value:
$15,000.

Level of Study:
Undergraduate.

"Christchurch is surrounded by beautiful, diverse scenery. It inspired me to study the Bachelor of Digital Screen and pursue a career in photography and videography. There's a lot of opportunity to follow that path here."

JUHEE
KOREA

Bachelor of Digital Screen with Honours in Cinematic Arts

Feature programmes

Bachelor of Communication

Develop skills in media content production, planning, and research in international and national contexts.

Majors include:

- Communication Strategy and Practice
- Journalism
- Political Communication
- Māori Communication Strategy and Practice.

Bachelor of Digital Screen with Honours

Prepare for a career as a game developer, film and television producer, screenwriter, digital artist, animator, and more with our Digital Screen degree. Majors include:

- Animation
- Cinematic Arts
- Game Arts
- Game Development
- Screen Sound
- Screenwriting.

You will study on a dedicated campus with world-class facilities such as a virtual production stage, green screen room, motion capture studio, sound and colour editing suites.
There are also post-production spaces, bringing together film production, game development, and cross-reality technologies.

A key feature of our programme is the opportunity to learn from and collaborate with experts in the screen industry. You will also graduate with a portfolio of your original work as part of the degree.

Arts undergraduate options

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Bachelor of Arts offers two pathways:

Interested in an Arts subject?

Major and Minor

- Anthropology
- Art History and Theory
- Chinese
- Cinema Studies
- Classics
- Economics
- Education
- English
- European and European Union Studies
- French
- Geography
- German
- History
- Human Services
- Japanese
- Linguistics
- Māori and Indigenous Studies
- Mathematical Sciences Education
- Mathematics
- Media and Communication
- Music
- Philosophy
- Political Science and International Relations
- Psychology
- Russian
- Sociology
- Spanish
- Statistics
- Te Reo Māori
- Writing

Minors only

- Digital Humanities
- Pacific Studies
- Cultural Studies
- Creative Writing
- Gender and Sexuality Studies
- Graphic Design

Specialisations

- Creative Industries and Contemporary Practice
- Cultural Heritage
- Global Societies and Cultures
- International Affairs
- Language, Brain and Behaviour
- Philosophy, Politics and Economics
- Society, Diversity, Change

OTHER UNDERGRADUATE ARTS PATHWAYS

- Diploma of Arts
- Bachelor of Communication
- Bachelor of Digital Screen with Honours
- Bachelor of Social and Environmental Sustainability
- Bachelor of Fine Arts or Bachelor of Fine Arts with Honours
- Bachelor of Music

Conjoint options with the BA

Bachelor of Arts with:

- Bachelor of Commerce
- Bachelor of Science
- Bachelor of Social and Environmental Sustainability

Want to specialise?

Learn about BA specialisations at UC Arts.

Study postgraduate

Postgraduate study in Arts at UC enables you to extend your knowledge and apply it to complex problems in your chosen field. Study options include Certificates and Diplomas that can be studied flexibly around work, Honours, Masters, and Doctoral degrees.

Feature programmes

Master of International Relations and Diplomacy

Drawing on UC's teaching and research strengths, graduates can obtain a master's-level capstone qualification in the popular area of international relations and diplomacy. This degree will offer you an innovative, interdisciplinary programme of taught courses with a strong professional emphasis.

Master of Strategic Communication

The Master of Strategic Communication prepares you for a career in professional media for corporations, public relations, and advocacy.

This degree is suited for students wanting to develop skills in public media relations and organisational communication, including those who have no previous experience in these areas, or are wanting to change their career focus.

Arts postgraduate options

Honours

- Bachelor of Arts with Honours
- Bachelor of Music with Honours

Graduate Diplomas

- Graduate Diploma in Arts
- Graduate Diploma in Journalism
- Graduate Diploma in Strategic Communication

Postgraduate Certificates and Diplomas

- Postgraduate Certificate in Arts
- Postgraduate Certificate in Illustration
- Postgraduate Certificate in Translation and Interpreting
- Postgraduate Certificate in Virtual Production
- Postgraduate Diploma in Arts
- Postgraduate Diploma in Art Curatorship
- Postgraduate Diploma in Illustration
- Postgraduate Diploma in Translation and Interpreting
- Postgraduate Diploma in Virtual Production

Interested in Postgraduate study?
Learn more about what's on offer at UC.

Masters

- Master of Arts
- Master of Applied Translation and Interpreting
- Master of European Union Studies
- Master of Fine Arts
- Master of Illustration
- Master of International Relations and Diplomacy
- Master of Linguistics
- Master of Music
- Master of Policy and Governance
- Master of Strategic Communication
- Master of Virtual Production
- Master of Writing

Doctorates

- Doctor of Philosophy
- Doctor of Musical Arts

Undergraduate programmes

Qualification	Intakes	Duration	Points	Cost per year (120 points)*
Conjoint Bachelor of Arts and Commerce	Feb or July	5 years	540	$43,205 per 135 points
Conjoint Bachelor of Arts and Science	Feb or July	5 years	540	$45,915 per 135 points
Conjoint Bachelor of Social and Environmental Sustainability and Arts	Feb or July	5 years	540	$42,844 per 135 points

* Indicative fees only

Qualification	Intakes	Duration	Points	Cost per year (120 points) *
Certificate in Arts	Feb or July	6 months	60	$17,800
Diploma in Arts	Feb or July	1 year	120	$35,600
Bachelor of Arts	Feb or July	3 years	360	$36,410
Bachelor of Communication	Feb	3 years	360	$36,510
Bachelor of Digital Screen with Honours	Feb	4 years	360	$48,350
Bachelor of Fine Arts or Bachelor of Fine Arts with Honours	Feb	4 years	480	$40,435
Bachelor of Music	Feb or July	3 years	360	$41,240
Bachelor of Social and Environmental Sustainability	Feb or July	3 years	360	$37,960

Graduate and postgraduate programmes

Qualification	Description	Intake	Duration	Points	Tuition fees *
Bachelor of Arts with Honours C R	Over 25 subjects are available to study and you can do your own research as well as coursework.	Feb or July	1 year	120	$40,200
Bachelor of Music with Honours C R	For those who graduated from the Bachelor of Music (or equivalent) with good grades and who wish to extend themselves.	Feb	1 year	120	$45,800
Graduate Diploma in Arts	A pathway into postgraduate Arts study if you hold a bachelor's degree in a non-Arts subject.	Feb or July	1 year	120	$35,600
Graduate Diploma in Journalism	Gain the skills needed to be an effective journalist. Learn media ethics and law, research and analysis, and multimedia skills.	Feb	1 year	120	$35,600
Graduate Diploma in Strategic Communication	Learn professional communication skills. Ideal for a career change to corporate or creative media work.	Feb or July	1 year	120	$35,600
Postgraduate Certificate in Arts	Develop skills in the critical evaluation of academic literature in a discipline or area of specialisation.	Feb or July	6 months	60	$20,100
Postgraduate Certificate in Illustration	Learn tools and techniques to start a professional career as an illustrative artist.	Feb or July	6 months	60	$18,000
Postgraduate Certificate in Strategic Communication	Learn to communicate effectively with audiences via messaging and advertising.	Feb or July	6 months	60	$20,100
Postgraduate Certificate in Translation and Interpreting	Study computer-assisted translation tools and interpretation within multicultural communities.	Feb	6 months	60	$18,000
Postgraduate Certificate in Virtual Production	Learn the technical fundamentals of digital content creation using Virtual Production technology.	Feb	6 months	60	$18,000
Postgraduate Diploma in Art Curatorship	Ideal for those wanting to work in museums, art galleries, and commercial art sectors.	Feb or July	1 year	120	$36,000
Postgraduate Diploma in Arts	Study advanced humanities or social sciences. Can be a pathway to other postgraduate study.	Feb or July	1 year	120	$36,000
Postgraduate Diploma in Fine Arts	Undertake advanced, practice-based research within your chosen studio subject.	Feb	1 year	120	$45,800
Postgraduate Diploma in Illustration	Gain professional illustration skills and develop your creative portfolio and artistic style.	Feb or July	1 year	120	$36,000
Postgraduate Diploma in Strategic Communication	Understand communication in complex media environments. Learn media writing, analytics, and research methods.	Feb or July	1 year	120	$40,200

* Indicative fees only

Qualification	Description	Intake	Duration	Points	Tuition fees *
Postgraduate Diploma in Translation and Interpreting	Learn the language, cultural, and communication skills needed by interpreters and translators.	Feb or July	1 year	120	$36,000
Postgraduate Diploma in Virtual Production	Create a portfolio of creative productions using cross-platform Virtual Production technology.	Feb	1 year	120	$36,000
Master of Arts C R	Critically examine current practices in your chosen field, while also demonstrating understanding of the principles of research.	Feb or July	1–2 years	180	$60,300
Master of Arts (Thesis) R	Create a body of original research and contribute to new knowledge and build your academic skills.	Start of any month	1½ years	120	$40,200
Master of Applied Translation and Interpreting C	Learn language, cultural, and communication skills you need to work as professional interpreters an translators.	Feb	12–18 months	180	$54,000
Master of European Union Studies C R	Unique in Australasia, this degree looks at the EU in the global context while focusing on the Asia-Pacific region and EU–NZ relations.	Feb or July	12–18 months	180	$54,000
Master of Fine Arts R	This degree includes building a specialised body of work for either Moving Image, Graphic Design, Painting, Photography, or Sculpture. A Bachelor of Fine Arts with Honours is required for entry.	Feb	1 year	120	$45,800
Master of Illustration C	Develop technical skills in traditional and digital media with UC's Master of Illustration.	Feb or July	1½ years	180	$54,000
Master of International Relations and Diplomacy C R	This degree is perfect if you are interested in a career in foreign affairs or inter-state coordination.	Feb	1 year	180	$54,000
Master of Linguistics C R	Study linguistic analysis and apply it to your own research. You will gain awareness and appreciation of linguistics in Aotearoa and the Pacific.	Feb or July	1 year	180	$54,000
Master of Music R	Study Composition or Performance after your Bachelor of Music with Honours.	Feb or July	1 year	120	$45,800
Master of Policy and Governance C R	Learn policy analysis and strategic decision making. Useful for progressing in local, regional, national, and not-for-profit roles.	Feb	12–18 months	180	$54,000
Master of Strategic Communication C R	This degree will allow you to understand communication in complex media environments. Learn media writing, analytics, and workplace research methods.	Feb	12–18 months	180	$54,000
Master of Virtual Production C	Learn how to create, interact with, and capture visual effects in real time.	Feb	1½ years	180	$54,000
Master of Writing C R	Learn skills common to all genres of writing — creative, professional, technical, and academic — while deepening your knowledge and ability in one or more genre.	Feb or July	12–18 months	180	$54,000
Doctor of Musical Arts R	Undertake advanced research in music composition or performance.	Start of any month	3 years	360	$45,800 per 120 points
Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) R	The PhD comprises advanced research presented in a thesis.	Start of any month	3–4 years	360	$8,570–$10,321 per 120 points

* Indicative fees only

International tuition fees
The tuition fees listed are indicative only and actual fees may vary depending on the programme of study.

C coursework qualification R research qualification C R coursework plus research qualification

Business

Build your career at UC Business School with subjects like digital marketing, business analytics, financial analysis, technology management, and professional accounting.

BUSINESS RANKINGS

1%

We are in the 1% of Business Schools that hold the 'Triple Crown' accreditation

1st

in New Zealand to win Business School of the year, Pioneer Awards 2025

Top 5

in Oceania for employable graduates*

* QS World Rankings, 2026

Student employability

UC Business School has a strong track record of preparing graduates for employment. We offer personalised support for international students, including real-time support via social media and tailored programmes that have been globally recognised for enhancing job readiness.

UC Business School international student satisfaction is 13% above the global benchmark for opportunities to meet employers, and 10% above for work experience opportunities (International Student Barometer 2025).

Through our extensive industry connections, you can find internships or projects with local businesses as part of your degree.

For more information, contact UC Business School.

WHAT BUSINESS OFFERS

Internships and industry-based projects.

Career-focused extra-curricular activities eg, the Global Impact Industry Project.

UC Centre for Entrepreneurship provides a dedicated, student-focused space for startup ideas, innovation, mentorship, and more.

Find out more about Business.

UC's School of Business has a wide range of degrees and qualifications.

Business undergraduate options

BACHELOR OF COMMERCE

Majors

- Accounting
- Economics
- Finance
- Human Resources Management
- Information Systems
- Innovation and Entrepreneurship
- International Business
- Management
- Marketing
- Operations and Supply Chain Management
- Taxation and Accounting

Minors only

- Business Analytics
- Business and Sustainability
- Economics
- Entrepreneurship
- Taxation

Interested in a Business subject?

Other undergraduate Business pathways

Diploma in Commerce

Conjoint options

Bachelor of Commerce with:

- Bachelor of Science
- Bachelor of Arts
- Bachelor of Engineering with Honours
- Bachelor of Product Design
- Bachelor of Social and Environmental Sustainability

Combining subjects

Double major

Bachelor of Commerce (BCom) students can choose from 11 majors, with the option to do a double major with no extra time or cost involved. For example, a BCom in Finance and Information Systems.

Major and minor

Alongside your chosen major, you can add on a minor from a list of commerce and non-commerce subjects. For example, a BCom in Marketing with a minor in Business Analytics, or a BCom in International Business with a minor in Chinese.

Apply to Business today

Sign up to MyUC to begin your application.

myuc.canterbury.ac.nz/login

Apply for a scholarship

UC offers Dean's Awards open to all international students, and the High Achievers Scholarship (HAS) for prospective students from China, India and Southeast Asia.

To learn more about scholarships at UC, go to **page 66**.

SCHOLARSHIP

Your passion, our support

UC Dean's Award

Criteria:
For international students with high potential enrolled full-time in the first year of their degree.

Value:
Financial assistance with tuition fees.

Level of study:
Undergraduate and postgraduate.

For questions about this application, contact futurestudents@canterbury.ac.nz

"UC values learning outside of the classroom, fostered by events like professional talks and competitions. UC also has a very active club scene, so you can choose where you want to focus your time. Christchurch and New Zealand are very peaceful, which makes the UC experience very pleasant."

MARYAM
MALAYSIA

Bachelor of Commerce in Accounting with a minor in Finance
Assurance Associate, EY New Zealand

Study postgraduate

UC Business School offers taught master's programmes for any academic background, whether you wish to build on your background or head in a new direction.

Feature programmes

Master of Business and Information Systems (MBIS)

The MBIS responds to a global demand for professionals who can apply technology to solve business problems. Students major in either Business Analytics or Technology Management and complete an industry project course. Graduates are prepared for roles such as business analyst and business intelligence analyst, or project manager and product owner.

Master of Business Management (MBM)

UC's MBM is the only one of its kind in Australasia to hold AMBA accreditation, an international mark of excellence in postgraduate management education. It has a strong applied focus with project-based courses such as Evidence Based Management and a consulting project. Graduates are prepared for roles such as business development manager, management consultant, project manager, and sales manager.

Master of Financial Analysis (MFinA)

The MFinA's course content aligns with the CFA exam curriculum, preparing you to become a Chartered Financial Analyst.

It has a strong focus on fintech and real-world learning, including using the Bloomberg Terminal to analyse and apply financial data, with the option to do an industry project as an elective course. Graduates are prepared for roles such as financial analyst, investment banking analyst, credit analyst, and financial advisor.

Master of Marketing (MMktg)

Prepare for today's dynamic, technology-driven marketing industry with the MMktg. Students major in Digital Marketing, with core courses such as Social Media Marketing and Digital Marketing Analytics. You will develop expertise through hands-on work, including an industry project course. Graduates are prepared for roles such as marketing officer, digital marketing specialist, brand manager, and marketing analyst.

Master of Professional Accounting (MPA)

The MPA prepares you to become a professional accountant in both domestic and international organisations as it meets the requirements for provisional membership of CA ANZ, associate membership of CPA Australia, and currently qualifies graduates for nine ACCA exam exemptions. Graduates are prepared for roles such as auditor, management accountant, and financial accountant.

Studies at UC are very relevant to the market and are all applied, practical approaches to learning rather than just theory. I did two internships while I was at UC, and both were pivotal in leading to my career success.

RAGHAV
INDIA

Master of Business Information Systems
Senior Business Analyst, Datacom

Get social with UC Business

Follow the official UC Business School social media channels for all the latest from students and staff.

Engage with other students and find out more about student life at UC. Follow ucnz.life on Instagram and UC坎大环游记 on Little Red Book (小红书) for student stories.

WeChat | Whatsapp | Instagram | Little Red Book

Which Master's programme is right for me?

I wish to...

- **Continue in the same subject area**
  - **My previous qualification is from...**
    - **Australia or New Zealand**
      - Master of Applied Finance and Economics
      - Executive Master of Business Administration
      - Master of Commerce
      - Master of Financial Engineering
    - **Outside Australia or New Zealand**
      - Master of Business Information Systems
      - Master of Business Management
      - Master of Financial Analysis
      - Master of Marketing
      - Master of Professional Accounting
      - Master of Applied Finance and Economics
      - Executive Master of Business Administration
      - Master of Commerce
      - Master of Financial Engineering
- **Move into a new subject area**
  - Master of Business Information Systems
  - Master of Business Management
  - Master of Financial Analysis
  - Master of Marketing
  - Master of Professional Accounting
  - Executive Master of Business Administration

Other Business postgraduate options

Coursework programmes

- Master of Professional Accounting
- Master of Applied Economics and Finance
- Master of Business Management
- Master of Financial Analysis
- Master of Financial Engineering
- Master of Marketing
- Master of Business Information Systems
- Executive Master of Business Administration

Research programmes

- Bachelor of Commerce with Honours
- Master of Commerce
- Doctor of Philosophy

Other options

- Graduate Diploma in Commerce
- Postgraduate Certificate in Business
- Postgraduate Certificate in Business Information Systems
- Postgraduate Certificate in Information Systems and Technology
- Postgraduate Diploma in Business
- Postgraduate Diploma in Executive Business Administration
- Postgraduate Diploma in Business Information Systems
- Postgraduate Diploma in Information Systems and Technology

Interested in Postgraduate study?

Learn more about what's on offer at UC.

I was changing paths and didn't have a background in accounting. Every small facet of my time at UC contributed to my success in accounting. Especially coming into my first job without any accounting background, it provided me with the required foundational knowledge and soft skills.

NIKI
CHINA

Master of Professional Accounting
Group Accountant, Scales Corporation

Undergraduate programmes

Qualification	Intakes	Duration	Total Points	Tuition fees per year (120 points) *
Bachelor of Commerce	Feb or July	3 years	360	$39,590
Diploma in Commerce	Feb or July	1 year	120	$37,900
Conjoint Bachelor of Commerce with: • **Arts** • **Science** • **Product Design** • **Social and Environmental Sustainability** • **Engineering with Honours**	Feb or July	5 years	540	Per 135 points: • $43,205 • $47,890 • $53,900 • $44,040 • $51,310

* Indicative fees only

Graduate and Postgraduate programmes

Qualification	Description	Intake	Duration	Points	Tuition fees *
Bachelor of Commerce with Honours C R	Explore specialist topics that can lead into a master's programme by thesis.	Feb or July	1 year	120	$39,600
Graduate Diploma in Commerce C	Complete advanced undergraduate commerce courses and transition to research-based postgraduate study.	Feb or July	1 year	120	$37,900
Postgraduate Certificate in Business C	Pathway to the Master of Business Management, Master of Financial Analysis, Master of Marketing, or Master of Professional Accounting for students just below the GPA requirement. Transition to your chosen master's degree after one successful semester of study, bringing the credit with you, meaning no extra time is required.	Feb or July	1 year	60	$19,800
Postgraduate Certificate in Business Information Systems C	Pathway to the Master of Business Information Systems for students just below the GPA requirement. Transition to the master's degree after one successful semester of study, bringing the credit with you, meaning no extra time is required.	Feb or July	6 months	60	$19,800
Postgraduate Certificate Information Systems and Technology C	Explore to deepen your knowledge in Information Systems or to prepare yourself for further research.	Feb or July	6 months	120	$19,800
Postgraduate Diploma in Business C	Gain knowledge and skills that you can apply across a wide range of industries. This is a pathway into all our taught master's.	Feb or July	1 year	120	$39,600
Postgraduate Diploma in Executive Business Administration C	This diploma includes courses from the Executive Master of Business Administration (EMBA) programme. You may transfer to the EMBA if you complete this qualification with a B average or higher.	Feb, May, or Sept	1 year	120	$43,800
Postgraduate Diploma in Business Information Systems C	Gain information systems-related skills with the opportunity to transfer to the Master of Business Information Systems.	Feb or July	1 year	120	$39,600

* Indicative fees only

C coursework qualification R research qualification C R coursework plus research qualification

Qualification	Description	Intake	Duration	Points	Tuition fees *
Postgraduate Diploma in Information Systems and Technology C	Deepen your information systems knowledge, or prepare yourself for further research in this area.	Feb or July	1 year	120	$39,600
Master of Applied Finance and Economics C	The only taught master's programme in this subject in New Zealand, this degree prepares you for high-level roles in finance, banking, and the public sector. Learn essential techniques for data analysis and investment decision-making, forecasting, and more.	Jan	12–13 months	180	$59,400
Master of Business Management C	Learn core business management skills through a combination of coursework, group projects, and a final capstone project or consultancy experience.	Feb or July	1.5 years	180	$59,400
Executive Master of Business Administration C	This master's lets you upskill, make a career change, and gain business connections and experiences. This degree involves opportunities such as consulting projects and networking events.	Feb, May, or Sept	18 months	180	$65,700
Master of Business Information Systems C	Take advantage of the demand for "tech-savvy" business graduates. Combining business with information systems, this qualification is designed to equip you with the specialist knowledge and skills to manage technology-driven innovation.	Feb or July	16 months	180	$59,400
Master of Commerce C R	Deepen your understanding in your undergraduate area of study, learning to do independent research. The skills learned will prepare you for professional roles and business consulting.	Feb or July	12–18 months	180	$59,400
Master of Financial Analysis C	Build skills in finance and financial analysis, including investments, risk management and probability theory, equity research, and portfolio management.	Feb or July	16 months	180	$59,400
Master of Financial Engineering C R	This cross-disciplinary degree directly links real-world problems in financial engineering to an underlying theoretical framework. You will learn how to be capable of high-level performance in the financial industry.	Feb	1 year	180	$59,400
Master of Marketing C	This degree provides targeted expertise with hands-on project and portfolio work to prepare you for today's tech-driven marketing industry.	Feb or July	16 months	180	$59,400
Master of Professional Accounting C	Enables you to become an accountant, leading to a provisional membership in professional bodies such as Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand.	Feb or July	16 months	180	$59,400
Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) R	The PhD comprises advanced research presented in a thesis.	Start of any month	3–4 years	360	$8,570–$10,321 per 120 points

C coursework qualification R research qualification C R coursework plus research qualification

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International tuition fees
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Education & Teaching

UC is committed to excellence in teacher education and educational studies. We will equip you to make a positive difference in the lives of children, adults, and their communities. We have many study pathways in teaching, child and adolescent development, diverse learning needs, educational leadership, digital education, and more.

EDUCATION RANKINGS

Top 300

in the world for Education*

*QS World University Rankings by subject, 2026

Research-led teaching

Our lecturers are national and global leaders who lead with research on student engagement in learning; education leadership and policy; development for teachers; children's language and literacy learning; and culturally responsive practices, inclusivity, and equity in education; and AI and digital education.

Apply today

Sign up to MyUC **(myuc.canterbury.ac.nz/login)** to begin your application.

Join a vibrant community. Learn more about international students studying Education at UC.

WHAT EDUCATION & TEACHING OFFERS

We have innovative teaching-learning environments that reflect and support modern learning pedagogies.

1-8 weeks spent in schools for each teaching placement.

135

UC Education has been training teaching and educational professionals for over 135 years.

Find out more about Education and Teaching.

UC's Faculty of Education has a wide range of degrees and qualifications.

Practical learning

Our programmes include professional placements or collaborations with schools to build teaching and management skills, gain practical experience, research opportunities, and connect with the education sector. You will also learn how digital technologies can enhance teaching and improve learning.

Research

Our faculty is home to leading education researchers whose work is making a meaningful impact locally and internationally across a wide range of topics. Through collaborative and forward-thinking research, we are helping shape the future of education and improve outcomes for diverse communities.

We offer a range of research study pathways and programmes designed to support aspiring educators, researchers, and educational leaders from around the world. Explore innovative ideas and develop expertise across multiple areas of education.

Our six research programmes include:

- CLEAR: Critical Literacies, Equity and AI Research
- Seeing and Sensing Early Becomings (SaSEB) Lab
- DELTA (Data-Informed Evidence for Learning, Teaching and Achievement)
- RE-imagining Education for Flourishing People and Societies
- Learning to Live Well Together
- Teacher Education, Teaching Effectiveness and Teacher Empowerment (TE3)

International partnerships

UC's Faculty of Education has partnered with Shanghai Normal University to establish the UC-SHNU Joint Education Institute in Education. Building on student mobility and collaborative research, the Institute creates new pathways for students in China to study UC programmes in education, digital pedagogy, artificial intelligence, early childhood education, education technology and comparative education.

We also have Japanese language and cultural exchange programmes with Sonoda Women's University and Sendai University. You can also visit primary, early childhood centres, and high schools, giving you a well-rounded view of education in Japan.

Apply for a scholarship

UC offers Dean's Awards open to all international students, and the High Achievers Scholarship (HAS) for prospective students from China, India and Southeast Asia.

To learn more about scholarships at UC, go to **page 66**.

SCHOLARSHIP

Your passion, our support

UC International First Year Scholarship

Criteria:
Support for top-achieving international students who have completed, or are currently completing, studies at either an overseas institution, or University of Canterbury International College (UCIC) and will be commencing an undergraduate degree programme.

Value/Benefits:
$15,000 towards tuition fees.

Level of Study:
School Leaver (First year undergraduate).

Number available every year:
Up to 7, across two scholarship rounds (April and October).

"Placements give us hands-on experience and the opportunity to see what being a teacher is really like. I will be doing six placements throughout my degree. You get placed in a variety of education centres so that you get experience with all age groups."

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MALAYSIA

Ako: Bachelor of Teaching and Learning in Early Childhood Teaching

Become a registered teacher

We offer 7 pathways for you to apply to become a registered teacher in New Zealand.

Our undergraduate option is the Bachelor of Teaching and Learning, which has two internationally-recognised endorsements:

- Early Childhood Education
- Primary Education.

Our postgraduate options include one-year graduate and postgraduate qualifications in Early Childhood, Primary, and Secondary Education. Successful completion of any of these pathways lead to eligibility for teacher registration.

Application due dates — Teaching
Applications for teaching qualifications close on **31 October.** Scan the QR code for more details on the teacher education application process.

Professional placements in schools and te ao Māori courses allow you to build multicultural knowledge into your teaching practices. The programme meets the requirements to apply for provisional teacher registration with the Teaching Council of New Zealand.

teachingcouncil.nz/getting-certificated/getting-started/becoming-a-teacher

Education study options

Besides teaching, we have postgraduate qualifications in different areas of education such as AI and Digital Education, Educational Leadership, Inclusive Education, Literacy, Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages, and research options via master's and PhD.

Teaching study options

Undergraduate study

Bachelor of Teaching and Learning endorsed in Early Childhood or Primary Education

Postgraduate study

Graduate Diploma in Teaching and Learning (Early Childhood)

Graduate Diploma in Teaching and Learning endorsed in Primary or Secondary Education

Postgraduate Diploma in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages*

Postgraduate Diploma in Teaching and Learning (Early Childhood)*

Postgraduate Diploma in Teaching and Learning endorsed in Primary or Secondary Education

Master of Teaching and Learning endorsed in Early Childhood Education*

Master of Teaching and Learning endorsed in Primary or Secondary Education

* Subject to CUAP and TEC approval.

Interested in an Education subject?

Postgraduate Education study options

Postgraduate Diploma in:

Education*

Literacy in Education*

Inclusive Education*

Artificial Intelligence and Digital Education*

Educational Leadership*

Master of:

Education

Education (Thesis)

Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages

* Subject to TEC approval.

Master of:

Literacy in Education*

Inclusive Education*

Artificial Intelligence and Digital Education*

Educational Leadership*

Doctorates

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)

Interested in Postgraduate Education?

Fast track residency
Many of our qualifications can lead to careers that are on Immigration NZ's Green List, offering a faster pathway to New Zealand residency. Scan to see the Green List roles.

Undergraduate and Graduate programmes

Teacher qualifications

Qualification	Intake	Duration	Points	Cost per year *
Ako: Bachelor of Teaching and Learning	Feb	3 years	360	$35,610
Graduate Diploma in Teaching and Learning (endorsed in Primary or Secondary Education)	Feb	1 year	150	$36,625
Graduate Diploma in Teaching and Learning (Early Childhood)	Feb	1 year	150	$36,625

Successful completion of one of the above teaching qualifications enables you to apply for teacher registration in New Zealand. Ako:Bachelor of Teaching and Learning is a level 7 qualification with 120 days of placement. The Graduate Diplomas are level 7 qualifications with 80 placement days.

Postgraduate programmes

Teacher qualifications

Teaching Qualification	Description	Intake	Duration	Points	Tuition fees *
Postgraduate Diploma in Teaching and Learning C D	This level 8 qualification consists of coursework and 80 days of professional practice in schools. The endorsements are: • Primary education • Secondary education. A bachelor's level 7 qualification with a minimum GPA of 5.0 is required. For the Secondary endorsement, students must have studied to 300-level in a secondary curriculum subject area in their undergraduate qualification.	Feb	1 year	150	$45,000
Postgraduate Diploma in Teaching and Learning (Early Childhood) *subject to CUAP & TEC approval* C D	This level 8 qualification consists of coursework and 80 days of professional practice in early childhood centres. A bachelor's level 7 qualification with a minimum GPA of 5.0 is required.	Feb	1 year	150	$45,000
Master of Teaching and Learning C D	This level 9 qualification consists of coursework and 80 days of professional practice in schools. The endorsements are: • Primary education • Secondary education. A bachelor's level 7 qualification with a minimum GPA of 5.0 is required. For the Secondary endorsement, students must have studied to 300-level in a secondary curriculum subject area in their undergraduate qualification.	Feb	13 months	180	$54,000
Master of Teaching and Learning (Early Childhood) *subject to CUAP & TEC approval* C D	This level 9 qualification consists of coursework and 80 days of professional placement in early childhood centres. A bachelor's level 7 qualification with a minimum GPA of 5.0 is required. Gain advanced skills that will support your teaching and leadership potential.	Feb**	13 months	180	$54,000

Successful completion of one of the above teaching qualifications enables you to apply for teacher registration in New Zealand.

* Indicative fees only

** This programme may allow other start times. Please contact **educationadvice@canterbury.ac.nz** for more information.

C Coursework qualification R Research qualification C R Coursework plus research qualification D Distance learning options available

Other Education degrees

Qualification	Description	Intake	Duration	Points	Tuition fees *
Postgraduate Diploma in Education C D	This level 8 diploma offers advanced research-based understanding of contemporary educational theory and professional practice. Requires a bachelor's level 7 qualification with a minimum GPA of 5.0.	Feb or July	1 year	120	$40,200
Postgraduate Diploma in Literacy in Education** C D	This level 8 diploma consists of coursework and requires a bachelor's level 7 qualification with a minimum GPA of 5.0. Develop specialised professional knowledge to examine issues in literacy across educational contexts.	Feb, July, or Nov	1 year	120	$40,200
Postgraduate Diploma in Inclusive Education** C D	This level 8 diploma consists of coursework and requires a bachelor's level 7 qualification with a minimum GPA of 5.0. Develop your knowledge in relation to inclusion and diversity in education.	Feb, July, or Nov	1 year	120	$40,200
Postgraduate Diploma in Artificial Intelligence and Digital Education** C D	This level 8 diploma consists of coursework about AI-informed educational practice and requires a bachelor's level 7 qualification with a minimum GPA of 5.0. Note that some courses may be offered through UC Online only.	Feb, July, or Nov	1 year	120	$40,200
Postgraduate Diploma in Educational Leadership** C D	This level 8 diploma consists of coursework and requires a bachelor's level 7 qualification with a minimum GPA of 5.0. Develop capabilities in educational leadership, mentoring and coaching, decision-making, and change management.	Feb, July, or Nov	1 year	120	$40,200
Postgraduate Diploma in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages** C D	This level 8 diploma consists of coursework and requires a bachelor's level 7 qualification with a minimum GPA of 5.0. Further your knowledge in language acquisition and development in a globalised context.	Feb, July, or Nov	1 year	120	Check website
Master of Artificial Intelligence and Digital Education** C R D	A level 9 qualification can be completed through coursework only, or a combination of coursework and a 60 point dissertation. Requires a bachelor's level 7 qualification with a minimum GPA of 5.0. Learn to critically evaluate, design, and lead AI-informed educational practice. Note that some courses may be offered through UC Online only.	Feb, July, or Nov	1.5 years	180	$60,300
Master of Education C R D	This level 9 qualification consists of coursework and requires a bachelor's level 7 qualification with a minimum GPA of 5.0. Ideal for those who have already undertaken some postgraduate study to achieve research-informed teaching and leadership in their educational setting.	Feb, July, or Nov	18 months	180	$60,300

* Indicative fees only
** Subject to TEC approval

C Coursework qualification
R Research qualification
C R Coursework plus research qualification
D Distance learning options available

Qualification	Description	Intake	Duration	Points	Tuition fees *
Master of Education (Thesis) R D	This level 9 qualification allows you to demonstrate advanced knowledge in your field of education research through a 120-point thesis, or through 30 points in research methods and a 90-point thesis. The research methods/90-point thesis pathway has a February or July intake. The 120-point thesis pathway can be started at the first day of the month between February to November each year. You must have an Honours Degree or Postgraduate Diploma qualification with a GPA of 6.0 or higher to be eligible to apply for this qualification. You are also required to have a confirmed topic and supervisor before being approved into this qualification.	First day of month	1–2 years	120	$40,200
Master of Inclusive Education** C R D	A level 9 qualification can be completed through coursework only, or a combination of coursework and a 60 point dissertation. Requires a bachelor's level 7 qualification with a minimum GPA of 5.0. Develop your knowledge in relation to inclusion and diversity in education.	Feb, July, or Nov	1.5 years	180	$60,300
Master of Educational Leadership** C R D	A level 9 qualification can be completed through coursework only, or a combination of coursework and a 60 point dissertation. Requires a bachelor's level 7 qualification with a minimum GPA of 5.0. Deepen your knowledge in educational leadership, mentoring and coaching, decision-making, and change management.	Feb, July, or Nov	1.5 years	180	$60,300
Master of Literacy in Education** C R D	A level 9 qualification can be completed through coursework only, or a combination of coursework and a 60 point dissertation. Requires a bachelor's level 7 qualification with a minimum GPA of 5.0. Gain advanced knowledge of theory and research in literacy development, learning, and teaching, and can explore instructional practices or learning difficulties.	Feb, July, or Nov	1.5 years	180	$60,300
Master of Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages C R D	This level 9 qualification consists of coursework and requires a bachelor's level 7 qualification with a minimum GPA of 5.0 for producing English language educators for a wide variety of educational settings.	Feb, July, or Nov	1 year	180	$54,000
Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) R	The PhD is a level 10 qualification comprising advanced research presented in a thesis.	Start of any month	3–4 years	360	$8,570–$10,321 per 120 points

* Indicative fees only
** Subject to TEC approval

C Coursework qualification
R Research qualification
C R Coursework plus research qualification
D Distance learning options available

International tuition fees
The tuition fees listed are indicative only and actual fees may vary depending on the programme of study.

Engineering, Forestry, & Product Design

Founded in 1887 as the first engineering school in New Zealand, we are internationally recognised for excellence in teaching and research across engineering and allied disciplines, data science, artificial intelligence; and producing high-calibre graduates working across the globe.

ENGINEERING RANKINGS

Top 100

in the world for Civil and Structural Engineering*

Top 200

in the world for Forestry*

*QS World University Rankings by subject, 2026

Join our vibrant community

We have a vibrant community of student clubs across the faculty including UC Aerospace, Women in Engineering, Product Design Society, Forestry Society, UC Rainbow Engineering, and many more. Explore our 160+ clubs here:

ucsa.org.nz/clubs

Apply to Engineering today

Sign up to MyUC to begin your admissions application.

myuc.canterbury.ac.nz/login

WHAT ENGINEERING OFFERS

A community of local and international lecturers, researchers, and industry connections.

Some highlights:

- study options in engineering, data science, AI, product design, and forestry
- advanced laboratories like structural engineering, wood technology, AR/VR, high-voltage
- project work
- UC's Erskine Programme brings up to 70 academics each year from top universities in the world
- peer mentoring for first-year Engineering and Product Design students for 10 weeks

Find out more about Engineering.

UC's Faculty of Engineering has a wide range of degrees and qualifications.

Innovative programmes and partnerships

As well as its elite ranking in Civil and Structural Engineering, UC Engineering offers innovative programmes tailored to the real world, with many Engineering options and unique qualifications in Forestry Science and Product Design. UC has close links with numerous local companies, which presents the opportunity for students to work alongside them and gain vital 'on the job' experience as part of their study.

Key research centres

- Electric Power Engineering Centre (EPE Centre)
- Human Interface Technology Laboratory (HIT Lab NZ)
- Forest Observation with Remote Sensing Technologies Research Group (FOReST)
- Wireless Research Centre
- Spatial Engineering Research Centre (SERC)
- UC Quake Centre
- QuakeCORE
- Wood Technology Research Centre

Undergraduate Engineering

Bachelor of Engineering with Honours (BE(Hons))

This degree is fully accredited by Engineering NZ, meaning it is benchmarked with other engineering programmes worldwide. Our programme is internationally recognised, so you can take your career around the world.

The first year is comprised of courses which vary depending on which discipline you want to specialise in. Your first year is followed by three years of specialised study. Entry into the disciplines is limited and based on your first year's performance.

Conjoint degree options

A conjoint degree combines UC's Bachelor of Engineering with Honours with another bachelor's degree, giving students the opportunity to expand their interests and career opportunities. Designed for high-achieving students, in just five years, students graduate with two qualifications and a distinctive, future-focused skill set that sets them apart.

Forestry

Forestry Science is a professional degree that prepares you for managing forest resources by combining science with management, commerce, and technology.

Practical work is a key component of the degree with regular field trips with 90 days of work experience undertaken in the forestry industry.

Product Design

A Bachelor of Product Design combines design, science, engineering, and business studies. You'll learn to design and develop new products that solve problems for home, business, and industry.

From creating a kayak or phone app, to formulating medicinal products or a virtual training world, you'll be equipped to work in a range of occupations and industries.

Apply for a scholarship

UC offers Dean's Awards open to all international students, and the High Achievers Scholarship (HAS) for prospective students from China, India and Southeast Asia. We also offer scholarships for specific faculty, country of origin, and level of study.

To learn more about scholarships at UC, go to **page 66**.

SCHOLARSHIP

Your passion, our support

Tait Foundation Women in Engineering Scholarship

Criteria:

To support women in Engineering, there are 10 scholarships available annually for students starting their first year of the Bachelor of Engineering with Honours full-time at UC.

Value/Benefits:

- $8,000
- 10 scholarships available annually.

Level of study:

First-year undergraduate.

"I spent my summer learning a lot from the degree's internship programme. I designed a shallow foundation for a building, did some construction monitoring, soil testing, and other work. It was really great to get hands-on experience on the degree I am studying."

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Bachelor of Engineering with Honours in Civil Engineering
Graduate Structural Engineer, Beca

Engineering and allied disciplines undergraduate options

BACHELOR OF ENGINEERING WITH HONOURS

Disciplines

Chemical and Process Engineering

Minors
- Bioprocess Engineering
- Environmental Process Engineering
- Sustainable Energy Engineering

Civil Engineering

Minors
- Structural Engineering
- Water and Environmental Systems Engineering

Computer Engineering

Minor
- Communications and Network Engineering

Electrical and Electronic Engineering

Minor
- Power Engineering

Forest Engineering

Mechanical Engineering

Minors
- Aerospace Engineering
- Biomedical Engineering

Mechatronics Engineering

Software Engineering

FORESTRY PROGRAMMES

Bachelor of Forestry Science

Bachelor of Engineering (Hons) in Forest Engineering

Interested in Forestry?

ENGINEERING CONJOINT DEGREE OPTIONS

- Engineering with Arts
- Engineering with Commerce
- Engineering with Data Science
- Engineering with Product Design
- Engineering with Science
- Engineering with Social and Environmental Sustainability
- Engineering with Sport

Learn more about Engineering conjoint degrees.

BACHELOR OF PRODUCT DESIGN

Majors

Chemical Formulation Design

Digital Product Design

Industrial Product Design

Interested in Product Design?

$142M state-of-the-art laboratories and teaching spaces

Explore these facilities through our virtual campus tour guide.

Study postgraduate

UC offers both coursework and research-based qualifications and doctoral degrees.

Our award-winning lecturers and researchers, in topics from earthquakes to renewable energy, are among world leaders in developing new technology and responses.

Students also benefit from our strong industry links to establish their professional network.

Feature programmes

Master of Civil Engineering

Civil Engineers are responsible for creating and maintaining a sustainable world. Specialise in one of the following areas of Civil Engineering through our one-year Master's degree:

- Construction Management
- Earthquake Engineering
- Geotechnical Engineering
- Structural Engineering
- Transportation Engineering
- Water Engineering

Master of Applied Data Science

For students from a range of backgrounds (not just those with Mathematics, Statistics, and Computer Science), who want to learn or build their data science and analytics capabilities. Learn to turn complex data challenges into practical solutions for better decision making.

Engineering and allied disciplines postgraduate options

Engineering, Data Science, and Artificial Intelligence

- Postgraduate Certificate in Civil Engineering
- Postgraduate Certificate in Engineering
- Postgraduate Certificate in Artificial Intelligence
- Postgraduate Diploma in Artificial Intelligence
- Postgraduate Diploma in Applied Data Science
- Master of Aerospace Engineering
- Master of Architectural Engineering
- Master of Artificial Intelligence
- Master of Applied Data Science
- Master of Civil Engineering
- Master of Engineering
- Master of Engineering in Fire Engineering
- Master of Engineering Management
- Master of Fire Engineering Studies
- Master of Engineering Studies
- Master of Human Interface Technology
- Master of Mathematical Sciences
- Master of Renewable Energy Engineering
- Professional Master of Computer Science

Product Design

- Postgraduate Certificate in Product Design
- Postgraduate Certificate in Product Innovation
- Master of Product Design
- Master of Product Innovation

Forestry

- Postgraduate Diploma in Forestry
- Master of Forestry Science

Doctorates

- Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)

Interested in Postgraduate study?

Learn more about whats on offer at UC.

Undergraduate programmes

Qualification	Intake	Duration	Points	Tuition fees per year (120 points) *
Bachelor of Engineering with Honours	Feb	4 years	480	$49,540 (1st year) $54,180 (2–4th year)
Bachelor of Forestry Science	Feb or July	4 years	480	$44,930
Bachelor of Product Design	Feb or July	3 years	360	$47,125
Conjoint Bachelor of Engineering with Honours and Arts	Feb or July	5 years	675	$49,335 per 135 points
Conjoint Bachelor of Engineering with Honours and Commerce	Feb or July	5 years	675	$51,310 per 135 points
Conjoint Bachelor of Engineering with Honours and Data Science	Feb or July	5 years	675	$57,510 per 135 points
Conjoint Bachelor of Engineering with Honours and Product Design	Feb or July	5 years	675	$53,890 per 135 points
Conjoint Bachelor of Engineering with Honours and Science	Feb or July	5 years	675	$57,510 per 135 points
Conjoint Bachelor of Engineering with Honours and Social and Environmental Sustainability	Feb or July	5 years	675	$50,510 per 135 points
Conjoint Bachelor of Engineering with Honours and Sport	Feb or July	5 years	675	$50,510 per 135 points

* Indicative fees only

Graduate and postgraduate programmes

Qualification	Description	Intake	Duration	Points	Tuition fees *
Postgraduate Certificate in Artificial Intelligence	Prepare your computing skills for industry as we adopt more AI into our systems, from research to healthcare to entertainment.	Feb or July	6 months	60	$23,800
Postgraduate Certificate in Civil Engineering	This certificate is an ideal qualification for those wanting an advanced background in designing and managing civil engineering projects.	Feb or July	6 months	60	$27,300
Postgraduate Certificate in Engineering	This certificate is for professional engineers seeking advanced technical training or students looking for a 6-month advanced qualification.	Feb or July	6 months	60	$27,300
Postgraduate Diploma in Artificial Intelligence	Learn in-depth about AI and develop skills highly sought after by employers.	Feb or July	1 year	120	$47,600
Postgraduate Diploma in Applied Data Science	For students who wish to build their data science capabilities and combine these with the skills and knowledge acquired from previous studies.	Feb or July	1 year	120	$39,600
Postgraduate Diploma in Forestry	Update your skills or retrain in forestry with UC's Postgraduate Diploma in Forestry.	Feb or July	1 year	120	$49,100
Master of Aerospace Engineering C R	You will learn about aerospace technologies and processes, and be introduced to the global impact of the aerospace industry, including contemporary practice in professional ethics, legal, environmental, and safety guidelines.	Feb or July	18 months	180	$81,900
Master of Applied Data Science C	A qualification for students who wish to build their data science capabilities and combine these with the skills and knowledge acquired from previous studies.	Feb or July	1 year	180	$59,400
Master of Architectural Engineering C	Gain professional, work-ready, collaborative building design skills, and advanced training in selected areas of building design. This degree also caters for practitioners wanting to upskill. The degree can be endorsed in: – Building Services and Energy Engineering – Integrated Building Design – Structural Engineering.	Feb or Aug	1 year	120	$54,600
Master of Artificial Intelligence C	This degree allows you to build on previous studies in computing and venture into the field of AI engineering and innovation.	Feb or July	18 months	180	$59,400
Master of Civil Engineering C	This programme enhances an engineer's knowledge and skills to help progress their career. Endorsements are offered in: – Construction Management – Earthquake Engineering – Geotechnical Engineering – Structural Engineering – Transportation Engineering – Water Engineering. MCivilEng also includes an Indigenous Consultation and Engagement workshop.	Feb (some in July — see website)	1 year	120	$54,600
Master of Engineering R	This degree aims to provide a research-focused learning environment in which you can develop your skills through supervised research. Some endorsements require additional coursework.	Start of any month	1–3 years	120	$54,600
Master of Engineering in Fire Engineering C R	This degree is open to graduates from relevant branches of engineering, and covers all aspects of fire safety in buildings and other structures, human safety, and risk assessment.	Jan	16–36 months	225	$102,375

* Indicative fees only

C coursework qualification R research qualification C R coursework plus research qualification

Qualification	Description	Intake	Duration	Points	Tuition fees *
Master of Engineering Management C	For engineering graduates and professionals who want to combine their technical knowledge with advanced management and leadership skills. This degree is available on campus as a flipped classroom study model. There is a fast-track 120 points version of this degree if you have over 5 years of professional experience.	Feb	1½ years	180	$59,400
Master of Engineering Studies C	This masters caters for professional engineers seeking advanced technical training with an endorsement in Mechanical Engineering.	Feb or July	1 year	120	$54,600
Master of Fire Engineering Studies C	Science and Engineering graduates will be able to focus their career on designing fire control and smoke safety in buildings.	Jan	1 year	120	$54,600
Master of Forestry Science C R	Get a head start into forest management, governance, or research at an advanced level. Depending on your goals and experience, you can study by examination and report, examination and thesis, or thesis only.	Feb or July	1–2 years	240	$98,200
Master of Human Interface Technologies C R	By combining multidisciplinary viewpoints, user-centred design, and facilitating collaboration with external companies and teams, you can develop the skills needed to produce high-impact work globally.	Feb	1 year	120	$54,600
Master of Mathematical Sciences C R	Develop advanced analytical, problem-solving, critical thinking, and communication skills that will enable you to build upon existing practices in the mathematical sciences, and position yourself as a future leader in your field of work.	Feb or July	18 months	180	$59,400
Master of Product Design C R	Prepare for the ever-changing consumer market with advanced design, manufacturing, and business analysis skills.	Feb or July	18 months	180	$69,900
Master of Product Innovation C	This degree is an opportunity to access specialised facilities and industry experts at university while beginning to develop your own product or business ideas.	Feb or July	18 months	180	$69,900
Master of Renewable Energy Engineering C R	With an increasing global focus on transitioning to low-carbon systems, you can specialise in renewable energy technologies, system modelling techniques, and find practical solutions to energy issues.	Feb or July	1 year	120	$54,600
Professional Master of Computer Science C	This masters is designed to provide advanced knowledge in computer science, enabling upskilling in the theory and application of advanced computer science.	Feb	1 year	180	$71,400
Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) R	The PhD comprises advanced research presented in a thesis.	Start of any month	3–4 years	360	$8,570–$10,321 per 120 points

* Indicative fees only

C coursework qualification R research qualification C R coursework plus research qualification

International tuition fees
The tuition fees listed are indicative only and actual fees may vary depending on the programme of study.

Health, Sport & Social Work

Health today is about much more than treatment — it's about wellbeing, prevention, and connection. The world is calling for professionals who understand health in its broadest sense of people, culture, and community.

Apply to Health, Sport, and Social Work today

Sign up to MyUC to begin your application.

myuc.canterbury.ac.nz/login

Student support

Our lecturers take a collaborative approach to teaching and engage with national and international experts from a range of health, social work, and sport subjects.

Why study Health, Sport and Social Work at UC?

- Globally relevant degrees — develop expertise that applies across borders, from community health and social development to international sport management.
- Multidisciplinary learning — our programmes combine science, psychology, communication, and leadership, helping you build the collaboration, cultural responsiveness, and innovation skills that global employers seek.

WHAT HEALTH OFFERS

New qualifications in Health Leadership and Management, and Public Health.

UC's multidisciplinary approach allows you to develop the skills that employers are seeking: collaboration, cultural responsiveness, and innovation.

Find out more about Health.

UC's Faculty of Health has a wide range of degrees and qualifications.

- Connected to the world — learn from lecturers and researchers who work with national and international partners in health, social work, and sport.
- Graduates of UC's health-related qualifications are well positioned for rewarding global careers — and in New Zealand, international graduates may also be eligible for Post-Study Work Rights that allow them to gain valuable professional experience after graduation.
- Many of UC's health and social work qualifications align with occupations on New Zealand's skill shortage and residence pathways lists, offering clear routes for those who wish to contribute their expertise to New Zealand's growing health sector.

To find out more please go to **page 76**.

"I returned to study because I wanted to chase my dream of becoming a professional football coach. UC's Sport degree perfectly matched my passion and career goals."

ETHAN
CHINA

Bachelor of Sport in Performance Data Analysis

Join our vibrant community

UC invites you to explore our 160+ clubs, including UC Health Society [**instagram.com/uchealthsoc**].

ucsa.org.nz/clubs

Work experience

UC prepares you for the workforce with:

- internship opportunities, including 120-hour internship in the final year of the Bachelor of Sport
- industry-based project in the final year of the Bachelor of Health for every major
- practice clinics and laboratories
- gyms access and training facilities

State-of-the-art facilities

Our Sports Science, Biomechanics, and Strength and Conditioning laboratories provide you with a dynamic environment filled with sport-related technologies, testing, and performance equipment.

Apply for a scholarship

UC offers Dean's Awards open to all international students, and the High Achievers Scholarship (HAS) for prospective students from China, India and Southeast Asia.

To learn more about scholarships at UC, go to **page 66**.

Bachelor of Health

With many subjects to explore, you will deepen your understanding of health and wellbeing, equity, and global health challenges, and be able to build a career in health.

Key highlights:

- Smaller classes mean academic staff can work closely with you.
- Meet the academic requirements for professional accreditations such as Associate Registered Nutritionist (Exercise and Sport Nutrition major), or Drug and Alcohol Practitioners' Association Aotearoa New Zealand (Mental Health and Addiction major).
- Successful completion of the Public Health major means you meet the generic public health competencies and the health promotion competencies endorsed by Health Promotion Forum of New Zealand.
- Internships for every major in the final year of the degree.

Bachelor of Sport

The Bachelor of Sport is a 3-year programme which offers a blend of practice and theory covering all aspects of sports and allows you to put your skills into practice with a 120-hour internship in your final year.

Bachelor of Social Work with Honours

Our Bachelor of Social Work with Honours is New Zealand's most established Social Work programme. This highly regarded interdisciplinary degree will engage you in theory and practice and prepare you for a wide range of work.

Undergraduate Health and Sport options

BACHELOR OF HEALTH

Majors

- Exercise and Sport Nutrition
- Health Education
- Health Science
- Māori and Indigenous Health
- Mental Health and Addiction
- Physical Activity and Wellbeing
- Psychology
- Public Health

Interested in a Health subject?

Health minors

- Health Studies
- Population Health Data Science
- Health Research

You can minor in a Health subject or from degrees such as Arts, Commerce, Digital Screen, Product Design, Science, Sport, or Youth and Community Leadership.

BACHELOR OF SPORT

Majors

- Performance Data Analysis
- Physical Activity and Wellbeing
- Sport Coaching and Physical Education (Major only)
- Sport Marketing and Management (Major only)
- Strength and Conditioning
- Te Ao Hākinakina

Interested in Sport?

Sport minors

- Nutrition
- Sport Coaching
- Sport Management

You can minor in a Sport subject or from degrees such as Arts, Commerce, Digital Screen, Health, Product Design, Science, or Youth and Community Leadership.

"I've been working as a research assistant for the UC Faculty of Health, which fits in exactly with what I'm doing in my internship with Greg King, a well known sports and conditioning coach. He's worked with many international cricket teams and the Indian Premier League, so it's a really great contact for me."

SHREYASH
INDIA

Master of Sport Science

Study postgraduate

UC offers a variety of interdisciplinary postgraduate options that include clinical and non-clinical programmes. Increasingly, employment in the health sector requires postgraduate qualifications, particularly for senior roles.

Feature programmes

Master of Health Sciences

With the Master of Health Sciences (MHealSc) you can plan your study to suit your interests, current employment, or career goals across health-related disciplines. You may either follow a general programme, or specialise in one of several areas:

- Health and Community
- Health Behaviour Change
- Health Information Management
- Nursing
- Palliative Care.

The MHealSc is a research-inclusive qualification where you will be supervised by our world-leading researchers.

Master of Health Sciences Professional Practice

If you already work in the health sector and want to improve your professional practice, or wish to enter health-related employment, you can do our coursework-only Master of Health Sciences Professional Practice. You may study this degree unendorsed, or choose from the following endorsement options:

- Health and Community
- Health Behaviour Change
- Health Information Management
- Palliative Care.

Master of Social Work (Applied)

If you're passionate about helping communities overcome barriers and already have an approved social science degree, then the Master of Social Work (Applied) is an opportunity to further study a recognised professional qualification over two years. This degree is a combination of coursework, practical fieldwork, and research. This degree opens up more than just community work; you can take your knowledge into policy-making, health promotion, and counselling.

Become a registered nurse

The Master of Health Sciences in Nursing is delivered by UC Online, where majority of your coursework will be online, combined with two weeks of onsite study per semester, and compulsory clinical placement in industry.

Learn from an experienced, highly skilled nursing team and passionate researchers.

NZ-registered nurses can automatically register in Australia and apply for registration to work in many other countries.

Learn more about our Nursing programme.

Health, Sport, and Social Work options

Health

Postgraduate Diploma and Certificates

- Postgraduate Certificate in Health Sciences
- Postgraduate Certificate in Counselling Studies
- Postgraduate Certificate in Health Leadership and Management
- Postgraduate Diploma in Child and Family Psychology
- Postgraduate Diploma in Clinical Psychology
- Postgraduate Diploma in Health Sciences
- Postgraduate Diploma in Health Leadership and Management
- Postgraduate Diploma in Professional Supervision
- Postgraduate Diploma in Public Health

Masters

- Master of Counselling
- Master of Health Sciences
- Master of Health Sciences Professional Practice
- Master of Health Leadership and Management
- Master of Public Health

Doctorates

- Doctor of Health Sciences
- Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)

Social Work

Masters

- Master of Social Work (Applied)
- Master of Social Work

Sport

Postgraduate Diploma and Certificates

- Postgraduate Certificate in Sport Science
- Postgraduate Diploma in Sport Science

Masters

- Master of Sport Science

Interested in Postgraduate study?

Learn more about whats on offer at UC.

Undergraduate programmes

Qualification	Intakes	Duration	Points	Cost per year *
Bachelor of Health	Feb or July	3 years	360	$43,820
Bachelor of Social Work with Honours	Feb	4 years	480	$36,415
Bachelor of Sport	Feb or July	3 years	360	$37,325–$40,560
Certificate in Health	Feb or July	6 months	60	$20,150
Certificate in Sport Coaching	Feb or July	6 months	60	$17,800
Diploma in Health	Feb or July	1 year	120	$40,300
Diploma in Sport	Feb or July	1 year	120	$37,990
Graduate Certificate in Health	Feb or July	6 months	60	$22,500
Graduate Certificate in Sport Coaching	Feb or July	6 months	60	$17,800
Graduate Diploma in Health	Feb or July	1 year	120	$45,000

Postgraduate programmes

Qualification	Description	Intake	Duration	Points	Tuition fees *
Postgraduate Certificate in Counselling Studies	Develop your counselling knowledge and skills to work more effectively with clients, students, or colleagues.	Feb	6 months	60	$23,800
Postgraduate Certificate in Health Science	This Certificate gives health professionals and others interested in the health sector the chance to critically examine a range of significant issues in health sciences, and where relevant to improve their professional practice.	Feb or July	6 months	60	$23,800
Postgraduate Certificate in Health Leadership and Management	Gain a foundation in the principles and practice of health leadership and management.	Feb or July	6 months	60	$23,800
Postgraduate Certificate in Palliative Care	Gain the knowledge to deliver holistic assessment, planning, implementation, and evaluation of the needs of patients and families living with a life-limiting condition.	Feb or July	6 months	60	$23,800
Postgraduate Certificate in Sport Science	Gain expertise in a career in the sporting industry, or allows those already in the field an opportunity to upskill their sport science knowledge.	Feb or July	6 months	60	$23,800
Postgraduate Diploma in Child and Family Psychology	This professional qualification is designed to help you become registered child and family psychologists with the New Zealand Psychologists' Board. Entry is limited to 12 places — applications close on **1 October**.	Feb	3 years	270	$47,600
Postgraduate Diploma in Clinical Psychology	Professional qualification in Clinical Psychology and the first of its kind in New Zealand. It is made up of a strong practical component, facilitating a greater understanding of real people and their experiences, and skill development.	Feb	3 years	264	$47,600
Postgraduate Diploma in Health Leadership and Management	Gain skills to lead teams, manage resources, and contribute to organisational improvement in health services.	Feb or July	1 year	120	$47,600
Postgraduate Diploma in Health Sciences	A great option if you are employed or seeking employment in a health-related field, social services, or local or central government. You will complete a programme of advanced, specialised study and receive your qualification either unendorsed or endorsed in Health and Community, Health Behaviour Change, Health Information Management, Palliative Care, and Taha Hinengaro — Health and Wellbeing Practice.	Feb or July	1 year	120	$47,600
Postgraduate Diploma in Public Health	Build a strong foundation in public health practice and policy.	Feb	1 year	120	$47,600

* Indicative fees only

Qualification	Description	Intake	Duration	Points	Tuition fees*
Postgraduate Diploma in Sport Science	Develop expertise in the sporting industry and upskill on sporting knowledge for further career opportunities.	Feb or July	1 year	120	$47,600
Postgraduate Diploma in Professional Supervision	Build best practice for supervising and supporting others in their professional contexts. Tailor your learning towards your own professional context, such as counselling, social work, healthcare, education, or business.	Feb or July	1 year	120	$47,600
Master of Counselling C R	This is the only master's counselling degree in the South Island and uses a solution-focused model of counselling. You will learn to identify and use systematic, effective ways to help clients. Entry is limited. Applications close **1 October**.	Feb	2–4 years	240	$95,200
Master of Health Sciences R	You may either follow a general programme, or focus on a specialisation and receive your qualification endorsed in one of several areas like Health Information Systems, or Nursing.	Feb or July	2 years	240	$95,200
Master of Health Sciences (Nursing) C	Learn online from anywhere in the South Island, combined with up to 2 weeks of being onsite at UC per semester. You will be required to complete a series of clinical placements. Graduates will be able to apply for registration with the Nursing Council of New Zealand.	Feb	2 years	240	$95,200
Master of Health Sciences Professional Practice C	This degree can be awarded unendorsed or endorsed in Health and Community, Health Behaviour Change, Health Information Management, and Palliative Care.	Feb or July	18 months	180	$71,400
Master of Public Health C	With a strong applied component, you will be work-ready and able to critically apply your skills to public health issues in Aotearoa New Zealand and globally.	Feb	18 months	180	$71,400
Master of Health Leadership and Management C R	For those seeking leadership roles in health and related sectors, you will learn to manage complex and resource-constrained environments, and drive quality improvement across primary, community, and secondary health services. You can opt between a work-integrated research project based on real-world health leadership challenges, or a dissertation for purely a research focus.	Feb or July	1.5 years	180	Check website
Master of Social Work (Applied) C R	Allows those with a social work qualification in another country who wish to undertake study to meet the Social Work Registration Board requirements to work as a social worker in New Zealand. Applications are limited and close on **31 August**.	Feb	2 years	240	$72,000
Master of Sport Science C R	This Master's offers sport science research insights from experts within and outside of UC, in areas such as high performance exercise physiology and biomechanics.	Feb or July	18 months	180	$71,400
Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) R	The PhD comprises advanced research presented in a thesis.	First day of month	3–4 years	360	$8,570–$10,321 per 120 points

* Indicative fees only

C Coursework qualification R Research qualification C R Coursework plus research qualification D Distance learning options available

International tuition fees
The tuition fees listed are indicative only and actual fees may vary depending on the programme of study.

Law & Criminal Justice

UC Law is one of Aotearoa New Zealand's leading law schools, consistently ranking in the top 200 law schools worldwide, and combines academic and practical legal skills.

Apply to Law and Criminal Justice today

Sign up to MyUC to begin your application.

myuc.canterbury.ac.nz/login

LAW RANKINGS

Top 200

in the world for Law

QS World University Rankings by subject, 2026

Connect your learning to the world

We have a strong reputation in traditional areas of law, but also offer innovative courses investigating the ways law intersects with Antarctica, the media, technology, fintech, and medicine, and a comprehensive clinical legal programme.

Our one of a kind Criminal Justice qualifications have a strong vocational focus, and can lead to careers in law enforcement, corrections, offender rehabilitation, working with young offenders, criminal law, security, and border control.

WHAT LAW OFFERS

1st

UC Bachelor of Criminal Justice degree is the 1st of its kind in Aotearoa New Zealand.

140+

UC Law has been producing outstanding legal graduates for 140+ years.

Find out more about Law and Criminal Justice.

UC's Faculty of Law has a wide range of degrees and qualifications.

Law in practice

Your law studies can include:

- Volunteering with community law and legal services
- Student led projects
- Community and clinical work experience through internships
- Moot, debating competitions
- Overseas exchange.

Join our vibrant community

UC invites you to explore our 160+ clubs, including 8 clubs in Law and Criminal Justice. Some of them are Asian Law Students' Society, Law for Change, UC Women in Law, Queer in Law, Criminal Justice Society.

ucsa.org.nz/clubs

Apply for a scholarship

UC offers Dean's Awards available to all international students, and the High Achievers Scholarship (HAS) for prospective students from China, India and Southeast Asia. We also offer scholarships for specific faculty, country of origin, and level of study.

To learn more about scholarships at UC, go to **page 66**.

SCHOLARSHIP

Your passion, our support

University of Canterbury International Law PhD Scholarship

Criteria:
Doctoral students who wish to undertake a research doctoral degree in International Law in conjunction with the UC Faculty of Law. One recipient at a time.

Value:
$34,000 per year. This includes tuition fees and cost of living allowance payments.

Level of study:
Doctoral.

Duration:
Up to 360 points and a maximum of three years of study.

"I chose to study both Law and Criminal Justice because I want to become a lawyer that works in criminal defense, human rights, and whistle-blower protection. Having both degrees will help me understand the system from both sides."

YASAMAN
IRAN

Bachelor of Laws and Bachelor of Criminal Justice

Feature programmes

Bachelor of Laws (LLB)

The Bachelor of Laws degree (LLB) is a professional 4-year degree. Our compulsory courses are prescribed by the New Zealand Council of Legal Education (NZCLE) and meet the criteria set by NZCLE for courses that qualify for the examination and practical legal training of our students wishing to be admitted as barristers and solicitors in New Zealand.

In the first year, you will learn about the legal systems in New Zealand and build your foundational skills in legal research and writing. With good results in LAWS125, LAWS135, and LAWS145, you may advance into 200-level Law courses, all of which are subject to limited entry.

Bachelor of Criminal Justice

The Bachelor of Criminal Justice is a 3-year degree that explores crime, justice, and social harm through perspectives including criminology, sociology, psychology, Māori and Indigenous studies, law, and philosophy. Students examine why crime occurs, how justice systems operate, and how societies respond to issues such as inequality, victimisation, punishment, and social change. As the only university in New Zealand to offer a specialist Criminal Justice degree, UC combines innovative, career-focused teaching with practical learning and interdisciplinary expertise.

Study postgraduate

UC offers a wide range of options for postgraduate studies and is ranked as one of the world's top 200 law schools. UC Law has a strong reputation in the fields of international law and governance.

Feature programmes

Master of Laws by thesis (LLM)

The LLM by thesis gives you the flexibility to thoroughly research an area of particular interest. A thesis is a significant piece of research of 35,000 to 50,000 words.

Undergraduate Law options

BACHELOR OF LAWS

Elective options

(3rd and 4th year only)

- Commercial Law and Litigation
- Criminal Law
- Employment and Industrial Law
- Environmental Law
- Information, Media, and Technological Law
- International Law
- International Criminal Law
- Property and Resource Management Law
- Law and Medicine
- Gender and the Law
- Artificial Intelligence and the Law
- Disaster Law
- Trial Advocacy
- Fintech and the Law

Interested in Law?

Postgraduate Law options

Law

Postgraduate Diploma and Certificates:

- Graduate Certificate in Laws
- Graduate Diploma in Laws
- Postgraduate Certificate in International Law and Politics

Masters:

- Master of Laws (LLM) by thesis
- Master of Laws (LLM) in International Law and Politics

Doctorates:

- Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)

Criminal Justice

Postgraduate Diploma and Certificates:

- Graduate Diploma in Criminal Justice
- Postgraduate Diploma in Criminal Justice
- Postgraduate Certificate in Criminal Justice

Masters:

- Master of Criminal Justice

Interested in Postgraduate study?

Learn more about whats on offer at UC.

LLM students develop in-depth expertise in particular fields of legal specialisation. You will get the chance to undertake research under experts in their field, based at one of New Zealand's oldest law faculties.

You must have a Bachelor of Laws with a minimum B+ grade average.

Master of Laws (International Law and Politics)

This is a one-year programme designed for Law graduates, graduates from related degrees, or those with relevant work experience to meet a growing interest in multi-disciplinary study in international law and politics.

Our graduates work for international organisations such as the United Nations, government departments such as foreign ministries, international law firms, and international non-governmental organisations. Students take courses in international law and international politics plus a research project or internship.

You must have a Bachelor of Laws with a minimum B grade average or have significant relevant work experience to be considered for entry into the degree.

Undergraduate programmes

Qualification	Intakes	Duration	Points	Cost per year *
Bachelor of Laws	Feb	4 years	480	$40,270
Bachelor of Criminal Justice	Feb or July	3 years	360	$39,560

Graduate and Postgraduate programmes

Qualification	Description	Intake	Duration	Points	Tuition fees *
Graduate Certificate in Laws	Broaden and upskill in specialised areas of law, such as international criminal law, Tikanga Māori, Intellectual Property (IP) law. This Certificate is also a great option for those with a Law degree from overseas, or internationally qualified practitioners, to meet academic requirements for admission as a Barrister and Solicitor of the High Court of New Zealand.	Feb or July	6–24 months	60	$21,050
Graduate Diploma in Laws	Broaden and upskill in specialised areas of law, such as media and technology law, commercial law and litigation, employment law. This is a great option if you have a Law degree from overseas, or are an internationally qualified practitioner, to meet academic requirements for admission as a Barrister and Solicitor of the High Court of New Zealand.	Feb or July	1 year	120	$42,100
Graduate Diploma in Criminal Justice	Complement and extend your undergraduate studies with further study in Criminal Justice. Ideal for a range of criminal justice sector occupations, and also for those currently employed within the sector who seek to have a professionally relevant graduate qualification.	Feb or July	1–2 years	120	$35,600

* Indicative fees only

Qualification	Description	Intake	Duration	Points	Tuition fees *
Postgraduate Certificate in International Law and Politics	Grow your expertise in international law with courses on process, actions, and challenges with politics on the world stage. Specialise in specific areas such as in World Trade Law or Human Rights Law.	Feb or July	2 years	60	$19,800
Postgraduate Certificate in Criminal Justice	This programme is particularly suited to those already working in criminal justice fields and wanting to upskill, or as a pathway into our postgraduate Criminal Justice research programmes.	Feb or July	6 months	60	$20,100
Postgraduate Diploma in Criminal Justice	Builds on your knowledge of the criminal justice sector with practical, professional skills in research and policy analysis, biculturalism, and crime and rehabilitation theories.	Feb or July	1 year	120	$40,200
Master of Criminal Justice C R	The Master of Criminal Justice is a relevant qualification if you are seeking employment in a range of criminal justice sector occupations and professions, including Police, Corrections, the Ministry of Justice, in policy development and social service roles.	Feb	1 year	180	$60,300
Master of Laws R	The Master of Laws (LLM) degree offers a choice of over 40 topics for specialised research. You complete a research methods course, an elective related to your research topic, and a substantial thesis. In certain circumstances and with approval, students enrolled for the LLM by Thesis can transfer to the PhD degree. If you are interested in the LLM by Thesis, then please send a research proposal (approx. 500 words) so that we can see if we have supervisory capacity.	Feb or July	1 year	120	$45,800
Master of Laws (International Law and Politics) C R	Designed for students who wish to develop specialist knowledge in international law and politics. You will take courses in international law and international politics and complete a research project or internship. The degree prepares you for a career in the diplomatic service, specialised legal practice, government, international organisations, non-governmental organisations, and the military. While a July start is possible, we encourage you to start in February if possible as the two compulsory courses for the degree are offered in Semester One.	Feb or July	1–2 years	120	$39,600
Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) R	The PhD comprises advanced research presented in a thesis.	First day of month	3–4 years	360	$8,570–$10,321 per 120 points

* Indicative fees only

C Coursework qualification R Research qualification C R Coursework plus research qualification D Distance learning options available

International tuition fees
The tuition fees listed are indicative only and actual fees may vary depending on the programme of study.

Science

UC's central location provides a living laboratory for our science students. Lab and fieldwork can be part of your studies from day one.

SCIENCE RANKINGS

Top 50

in the world for Geography*

Top 200

in the world for Earth and Marine Science, Geology, and Geophysics*

*QS World University Rankings by subject, 2026

Apply to Science today

Sign up to MyUC to begin your application.

myuc.canterbury.ac.nz/login

Multidisciplinary projects

You will study at our Rutherford Regional Science and Innovation Centre (RRSIC), a hub for Canterbury's science and innovation network. We are the only New Zealand university that combines multiple science disciplines in one space.

We have teaching and research laboratories for physics, astronomy, chemistry, geological sciences, geography and biological sciences. This means you can work side by side on projects to create new connections and potentially bigger breakthroughs.

WHAT SCIENCE OFFERS

Only NZ University to offer Astronomy from undergraduate level to PhD.

30+

UC Science has many field stations, with more than 30 field trips each year.

Find out more about Science.

UC's Faculty of Science has a wide range of degrees and qualifications.

Outdoor laboratories

- 1,775 hectares – UC's Cass Mountain is the largest university-owned and operated high-country teaching and research area in New Zealand.
- Our courses make extensive use of our field stations in Cass, Harihari, and Westport.
- We operate New Zealand's leading astronomical observatory at Mount John.
- UC also has research connections with Antarctica and Nigeria.

Purpose-built facilities

As well as extensive science laboratories, research hubs and field stations, UC has:

- The Rutherford Regional Science and Innovation Centre, which is our Science precinct
- On-site clinics in psychology, speech-language therapy, audiology, and swallowing disorders
- 24-hour computer labs
- An Engineering and Physical Sciences library.

Apply for a scholarship

UC offers Dean's Awards open to all international students, and the High Achievers Scholarship (HAS) for prospective students from China, India and Southeast Asia. We also offer scholarships for specific faculty, country of origin, and level of study.

To learn more about scholarships at UC, go to **page 66**.

SCHOLARSHIP

Your passion, our support

Vida Stout Scholarship

Criteria:
Students studying in the School of Biological Sciences at UC for the degree of PhD in the areas of limnology or environmental science, preferably of the South Island.

Value:
$16,000 per year.

Level of study:
Doctoral.

Duration:
3 years.

Accreditations

We offer top science qualifications, illustrated by our numerous accreditations.

Environmental Institute of Australia and New Zealand
Bachelor of Environmental Science with Honours

Royal Society of Biology (UK)
Bachelor of Science in Biological Sciences

NZ College of Clinical Psychologists
Postgraduate Diploma in Clinical Psychology

NZ Audiological Society
Master of Audiology

New Zealand Speech-Language Therapists' Association
Bachelor of Speech and Language Pathology with Honours
Master of Speech and Language Pathology

The Australasian College of Physical Scientists and Engineers in Medicine
Master of Science in Medical Physics

Bachelor of Science

Design your future with the 3-year Bachelor of Science choosing from 20 Science majors, plus minors and courses from other subject areas.

Bachelor of Speech and Language Pathology with Honours

This is a professional degree accredited by the New Zealand Speech-language Therapists' Association (NZSTA). You will have the opportunity to work with people of all ages at clinics on campus, nationally, and overseas. Fieldwork accounts for up to 50% of your coursework depending on the year of study.

Bachelor of Data Science

Learn about secure and ethical ways to collect, store, and process large amounts of data as well as how to understand and communicate findings by turning numbers into actionable outcomes. You will be able to develop a diverse skillset through labs, research centres, and project work at UC.

Bachelor of Environmental Science with Honours

Accredited by the Environment Institute of Australia and New Zealand (EIANZ), this is a career-focused degree that will prepare you to solve environmental and sustainability challenges.

Bachelor of Psychological Science

Examine how brains function, and how changes in our environment can influence our behaviour and wellbeing. You will be able to focus your study in a particular area of psychology such as forensic psychology, Māori and Indigenous perspectives, neuroscience and cognition, psychological wellbeing, psychology for common good, or workplace psychology.

Undergraduate Science options

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Interested in Science?

Majors

- Astronomy
- Biochemistry
- Biological Sciences
- Chemistry
- Computer Science
- Earth Science *(subject to CUAP and TEC approval)*
- Economics
- Environmental Science
- Finance
- Financial Engineering
- Geography
- Geology
- Linguistics
- Mathematical Science Education
- Mathematics
- Medicinal Chemistry
- Philosophy
- Psychology
- Statistics

BACHELOR OF DATA SCIENCE

Majors

- Bioinformatics
- Business Analytics
- Climate Data Analytics *(subject to CUAP and TEC approval)*
- Data Science
- Population Health Data Science
- Spatial Data Science

BACHELOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE WITH HONOURS

Majors

- Ecosystem Health and Biosecurity
- Environmental Change
- Environmental Contamination
- Environmental Hazards and Disasters
- Freshwater
- Sustainable Coasts

"UC is probably the best place to study Geology and Physics. You can head out to field stations in the Southern Alps, West Coast, and coastal Kaikōura on your Geology fieldtrips. Christchurch is also one of five gateway cities to Antarctica. It is wild."

DONA
SINGAPORE

Bachelor of Science in Geology and Physics

Study postgraduate

Advance your science career with postgraduate study at UC, where research meets real-world impact.

Choose from qualifications ranging from 6-month programmes to a 4-year PhD. With access to lots of field stations in New Zealand, UC enables seamless integration of field and lab work across diverse ecosystems supporting high-quality, hands-on research.

Feature programmes

Master of Science

Over 30 subjects are available in the Master of Science, from Astronomy to Water Science and Management. In addition to coursework where you can specialise in areas of interest, you can also conduct independent and original research. UC is involved in innovative projects with industry and international organisations, funded from both within Aotearoa and internationally.

Master of Geospatial Data Science

This taught Master's will equip you with experience in GIS and location data analysis for leadership roles in government, industry, and research.

If you have no previous experience in geospatial technologies, you will be able to take a foundational course as part of the degree.

Enhance your knowledge with our on-site research centre, the Geospatial Research Institute.

Postgraduate Science options

POSTGRADUATE QUALIFICATIONS

Interested in Postgraduate study?

Learn more about whats on offer at UC.

Science

Honours:

- Bachelor of Science with Honours

Graduate Diplomas:

- Graduate Diploma in Science
- Graduate Diploma in Psychological Science

Postgraduate Diplomas:

- Postgraduate Diploma in Science
- Postgraduate Diploma in Geospatial Data Science
- Postgraduate Diploma in Organisational Psychology
- Postgraduate Diploma in Transport Planning*

Postgraduate Certificates:

- Postgraduate Certificate in Antarctic Studies
- Postgraduate Certificate in Geospatial Data Science
- Postgraduate Certificate in Science
- Postgraduate Certificate in Transport Planning*

Masters:

- Master of Antarctic Studies
- Master of Audiology
- Master of Disaster Risk and Resilience
- Master of Geospatial Data Science
- Master of Science
- Master of Speech and Language Pathology
- Master of Transport Planning*
- Master of Urban Resilience and Renewal
- Master of Water Science and Management
- Professional Master of Engineering Geology

Doctorates:

- Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)

*subject to CUAP and TEC approval

Undergraduate programmes

Qualification	Intakes	Duration	Points	Cost per year *
Bachelor of Data Science	Feb or July	3 years	360	$43,930
Bachelor of Environmental Science with Honours	Feb or July	4 years	480	$43,800
Bachelor of Psychological Sciences	Feb or July	3 years	360	$43,140
Bachelor of Science	Feb or July	3 years	360	$44,980
Bachelor of Speech and Language Pathology with Honours	Feb	4 years	480	$44,150 (1st year) $49,025 (2–4th year)
Certificate in Science	Feb or July	6 months	20	$22,500
Diploma in Science	Feb or July	1 year	120	$45,000

* Indicative fees only

Graduate and Postgraduate programmes

Qualification	Description	Intake	Duration	Points	Tuition fees *
Bachelor of Science with Honours R	This programme of study includes a 30 point research project undertaken in the major subject of the degree. This can be a helpful introduction to developing research skills for further study.	Feb or July	1 year	120	$47,600
Bachelor of Psychological Science with Honours R	Build strong knowledge of psychological concepts and theories and apply it across diverse research contexts. Choose electives aligned with your interests, and complete a research project either independently under supervision or through collaboration with community or organisations.	Feb	1 year	120	$47,600
Graduate Diploma in Psychological Science	This programme offers students with an existing degree the opportunity to build your understanding in the field and create a pathway to postgraduate psychology study.	Feb or July	1 year	120	$45,000
Graduate Diploma in Science	This Diploma is designed to enable you to qualify for other postgraduate qualifications in science, or to extend or upgrade your existing qualification/s.	Feb or July	1 year	120	$45,000
Postgraduate Certificate in Antarctic Studies	Examine major scientific and environmental themes, as well as contemporary topics such as the social, political, and legal issues facing Antarctica.	July	6 months	60	$23,800
Postgraduate Certificate in Geospatial Data Science	Equip yourself with a foundational knowledge of geospatial science and technology at postgraduate level. It can be a stepping-stone to a professional master's degree or a one year professional qualification.	Feb or July	6 months	60	$23,800
Postgraduate Certificate in Science	This certificate is an ideal option for those wanting professional development in their scientific field, and for those with other commitments who cannot complete an extensive science programme.	Feb or July	6 months	60	$23,800
Postgraduate Diploma in Geospatial Data Science	This diploma provides experience and knowledge of geospatial science and technology. Prepare for entry-level geospatial roles, and also for further postgraduate study.	Feb or July	1 year	120	$47,600
Postgraduate Diploma in Organisational Psychology	A great option if you are looking to have a positive impact by working with individuals as well as teams and organisations to become registered psychologists and have a broader impact on human performance and mental health.	Feb	1 year	120	$47,600
Postgraduate Diploma in Psychological Science	Gain advanced knowledge of psychological concepts, theories, and research with this one-year Diploma. You will complete a research capstone project in a supported learning environment, and be able to specialise your expertise with a range of electives that explore contemporary issues in psychological science.	Feb or July	1 year	120	$47,600
Postgraduate Diploma in Science	This qualification builds on subjects that you took at undergraduate level. It can be used for professional development, or if you want more in depth knowledge in a particular area.	Feb or July	1 year	120	$47,600
Postgraduate Diploma in Transport Planning**	Help address problems associated with poorly planned urban transport systems, combatting issues like congestion, poor health, and greenhouse gas emissions.	Feb	1 year	120	Check website
Master of Antarctic Studies C R	Combining work with an Antarctic partner organisation, coursework, and an Antarctic-related research dissertation, you will gain a 360-degree view of Antarctic issues. Ideal for careers requiring a solid background in Antarctic science or policy.	July	1 year	180	$71,400

* Indicative fees only
** Subject to CUAP and TEC approval

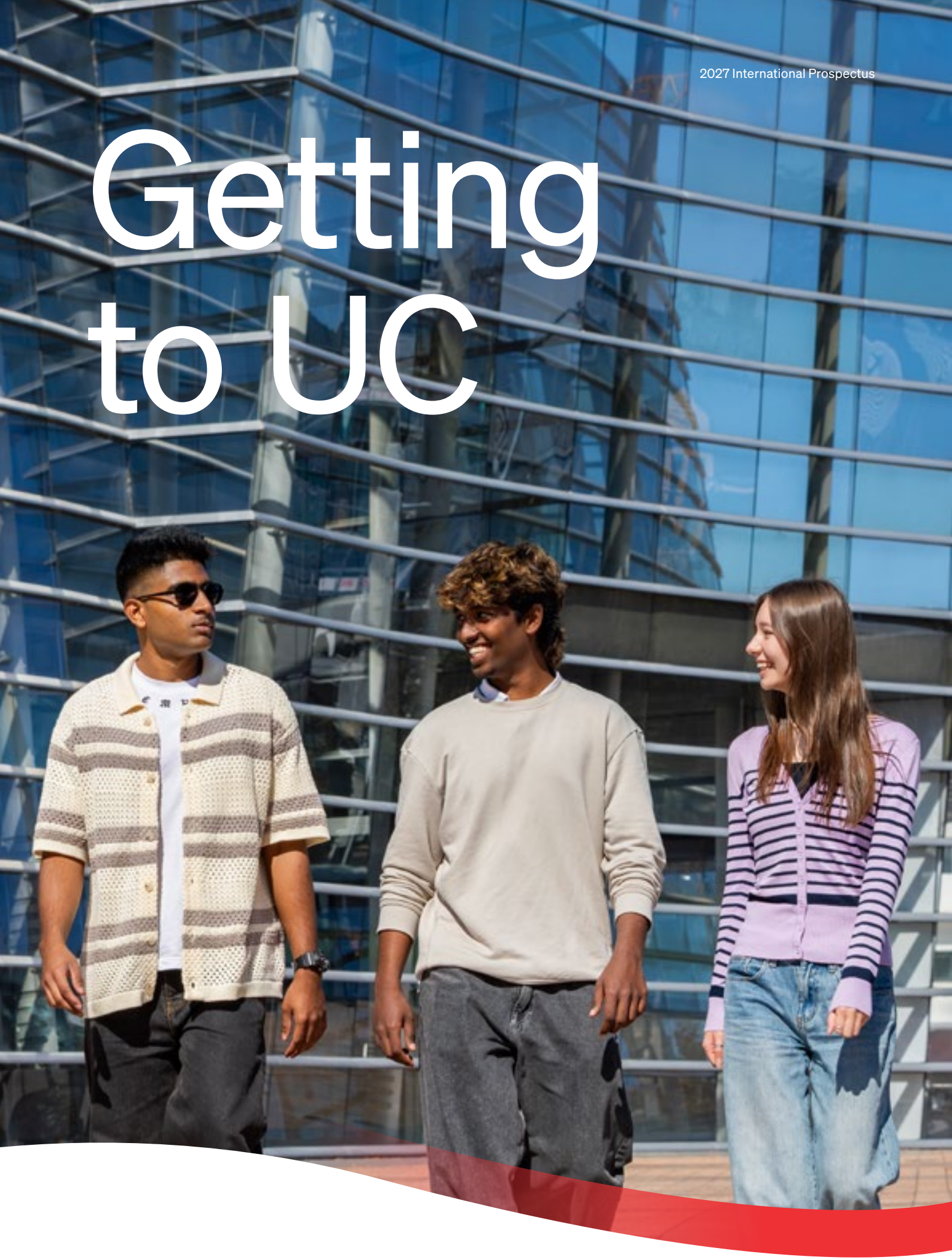
Qualification	Description	Intake	Duration	Points	Tuition fees *
Master of Audiology C R	Focuses on training professional clinical audiologists with an emphasis on the development of clinical and administrative skills relating to the practice of audiology.	Feb	2 years	240	$95,200
Master of Disaster Risk and Resilience C R	This degree provides an introduction to a rapidly evolving interdisciplinary field. You will gain an understanding of current disaster risk and resilience research and practice fields; disaster risk drivers, risk communication, and disaster risk reduction strategies; and disaster resilience-building theory and practices.	Feb or July	1 year	180	$68,850
Master of Geospatial Data Science C R	This Master's equips professionals with the advanced skills required for geospatial leadership roles.	Feb or July	1 year	180	$71,400
Master of Science C R	Part I of the MSc consists of coursework, while Part II consists of a thesis or dissertation, allowing you to conduct independent and original research in over 30 subjects. Some subjects require only Part II. See a full list of our 30+ subjects on our website.	Part I: Feb or July Part II: start of any month	1–2 years	240	$95,200
Master of Speech and Language Pathology C R	This professional qualification is accredited by the New Zealand Speech-Language Therapists' Association. It includes clinical experience with clients of all ages. Study areas include swallowing, fluency and voice, clinical linguistics, and speech and language development and disorders.	Feb	2 years	240	$91,800
Master of Transport Planning** C R	Good transport needs good planning. In addition to learning foundations, you will work for a community/organisational partner on a transport research problem. You will be able to choose an endorsement in Traffic Engineering, Public Health, GIS, Disaster Risk and Resilience, and Strategic Communication.	Feb	1.5 years	180	Check website
Master of Urban Resilience and Renewal C R	This Master's focuses on how communities respond to challenges that cities are facing around the world. You will engage with community groups and local government through coursework and a research project.	Feb	1 year	180	$71,400
Master of Water Science and Management C R	You will gain specialist knowledge and the ability to work in interdisciplinary teams and experience in community engagement. Learn to work as water scientists and decision makers in the public and private sectors.	Feb or July	1 year	180	$71,400
Professional Master of Engineering Geology C R	This degree is the only programme of its kind in Australasia. Engineering Geology is multidisciplinary applying geological sciences to engineering work, identifying and mitigating geological hazards, and aspects of land-use planning.	Feb or July	1 year	180	$68,850
Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) R	The PhD comprises advanced research presented in a thesis.	First day of month	3–4 years	360	$8,570–$10,321 per 120 points

* Indicative fees only
** Subject to CUAP and TEC approval

C Coursework qualification R Research qualification C R Coursework plus research qualification

International tuition fees
The tuition fees listed are indicative only and actual fees may vary depending on the programme of study.

Getting to UC



Scholarships

Applying for a scholarship

1 Search the database

Filter by:

- Level of Study
- Faculty area
- 'International Student'
- Award Type.

Also check out External Scholarships and funding
www.canterbury.ac.nz/study/getting-started/scholarships/external-scholarships

2 Check your eligibility

Please check each scholarship's regulations to determine if you are eligible for the scholarship you are interested in.

LEVEL OF STUDY

- Currently studying at secondary level in New Zealand
- Currently studying at UCIC but intend to enrol at UC the following year
- Planning on studying any undergraduate degree at UC but are still overseas
- Planning on studying any postgraduate degree at UC but are still overseas.

OTHER CRITERIA

Area:

- subject/course
- level
- degree.

Applicant:

- citizenship
- age
- gender
- school
- region.

3 Check closing dates

Scholarships typically open 8 weeks before their stated closing date. Check back in often as our scholarships are regularly updated and new ones may become available.

4 Complete and submit your application

Create a MyUC account to access the scholarship application system and submit an application. See our 'Apply for a UC Scholarship' webpage: **www.canterbury.ac.nz/study/getting-started/scholarships/apply-for-scholarship** for further detailed instructions on how to apply.

Key general scholarships

- UC Dean's Award
- UC International First Year Scholarships
- High Achievers Awards
- Manaaki NZ scholarships.

Key country of origin scholarships

- Offshore/ UCIC Scholarships.

Key postgraduate scholarships

- China Scholarship Council PhD Scholarship
- UC Doctoral Scholarship.

Scholarships
Search our available scholarships and apply online.

"Receiving this scholarship is incredibly important to me as I come from Nepal, alleviating the financial burden of pursuing studies abroad. It allows me to concentrate on my research and ensures that I complete the PhD."

KSHITIJ
NEPAL

PhD in Mechanical Engineering
UC-based Food Transitions 2050
Doctoral Scholarship recipient

Pathways to UC

UC International College

UC International College (UCIC) delivers direct and exclusive pathways for international students to the University of Canterbury. UCIC is proud to be celebrating 13 years of partnership with UC in supporting international students in achieving success in their studies.

From their first day at UCIC, students are part of the UC student community and enjoy the benefits of being a UC student. All UCIC programmes are delivered on the University campus, providing an authentic university experience from day one. Upon successful completion of their UCIC programme, students will transfer into the first or second year of their UC degree.

UCIC students studying full-time are eligible for New Zealand student visa work rights, allowing them to work part-time during the academic year and full-time during scheduled holidays, supporting both living costs and employability while they study.

UCIC programmes are moderated by UC to ensure the highest academic quality.

Undergraduate pathways

- Certificate in Foundation Studies
- Diploma in University Studies
- Study Abroad Certificate (see **page 68** for more information)

Pre-master's pathways

- Certificate in Postgraduate Preparation
- Diploma in Postgraduate Preparation

admissions@ucic.ac.nz

* International student entry varies by country and/or region. See your countries specific requirements: www.ucic.ac.nz/admissions/entry-requirements/academic

** This fee is indicative only and does not include additional costs such as course materials, insurance, and levies. Prices include GST where applicable.

*** Please check that the end date of your pre-master's programme aligns with the start date of your preferred master's degree. Most master's degrees have a February and/or July start date.

Certificate in Foundation Studies	
Entry requirements	IELTS 5.5 (with no band below 5.0)*
Fees	NZ$28,842**
Start dates	15 February 2027 14 June 2027 11 October 2027
Duration	8 months
Location	On-campus — UCIC
Outcomes	The foundations course replaces the final year of high school, providing a focused pathway into any UC bachelor's degree alongside a supportive and immersive university life on campus experience in New Zealand.

Diploma in University Studies	
Entry requirements	IELTS 5.5 (with no band below 5.0)*
Fees	NZ$37,691** (Commerce pathway) NZ$47,120** (Engineering pathway) NZ$41,909** (Science pathway)
Start dates	15 February 2027 14 June 2027 11 October 2027
Duration	12 months
Location	On-campus — UCIC
Outcomes	Upon completion of your International Year One you will continue on to the second year of your intended bachelor's degree in Science, Commerce, Engineering, or Data Science.

Certificate in Postgraduate Preparation	
Entry requirements	• Hold a bachelor's degree • IELTS 6.0 (with no band below 5.5)
Fees	NZ$17,800**
Start dates	15 February 2027 11 October 2027
Duration	16 weeks
Location	On-campus — UCIC
Outcomes	Upon completion of the certificate, you will be guaranteed entry to a range of master's degrees across Business, Engineering, Science, Health, Education, and Arts disciplines.***

Diploma in Postgraduate Preparation	
Entry requirements	• Hold an advanced diploma or associate degree • IELTS 6.0 (with no band below 5.5)
Fees	NZ$35,900**
Start dates	15 February 2027 11 October 2027
Duration	32 weeks
Location	Semester 1: UCIC Semester 2: taught by UC
Outcomes	Upon completion of the diploma, with a minimum GPA requirement, you will be guaranteed entry to a range of master's degrees across Business, Engineering, Science, Health, Education, and Arts disciplines.***

Study Abroad Certificate

The Study Abroad Certificate is a one-semester programme designed to give a taste of what student life is like at UCIC. Students can choose from three academic courses from one stream while improving their English language and experiencing what New Zealand has to offer.

Choose your courses from Engineering, Commerce, or Science streams. Credit these courses to future study at home or in New Zealand.

Contact your local agent, or email **admissions@ucic.ac.nz** for more information.

Global Student Award

All students who are academically eligible to study in a UCIC programme will receive a Global Student Award equal to 10% of their tuition fees.

www.ucic.ac.nz/study/scholarship

UC International College (UCIC)

UCIC offers direct, exclusive on campus pathways to UC for Arts, Commerce, Engineering, and Science undergraduate programmes.

Helpful links

UCIC entry requirements	
Academic requirements	www.ucic.ac.nz/admissions/entry-requirements/academic
English requirements	www.ucic.ac.nz/admissions/entry-requirements/english
Enrolment conditions	www.ucic.ac.nz/admissions/entry-requirements /enrolment-conditions
Application checklist	www.ucic.ac.nz/admissions/entry-requirements /application-checklist
NCEA School Leaver Pathway Requirements	www.ucic.ac.nz/admissions/entry-requirements /ncea-student-entry-requirement
Scholarships	www.ucic.ac.nz/study/scholarship

Diploma in University Studies (DipUS)	
DipUS: Commerce	www.ucic.ac.nz/study/programmes/undergraduate-diploma-in-university-studies-commerce
DipUS: Science	www.ucic.ac.nz/study/programmes/undergraduate-diploma-in-university-studies-science
DipUS: Engineering	www.ucic.ac.nz/study/programmes/undergraduate-diploma-in-university-studies-engineering

"UCIC was like my second home. The staff are so accessible and they make the tough stuff interesting. Plus, the vibe around the college seemed so friendly and supportive. I was also part of the UCIC Student Council, which developed my leadership skills and encouraged me to be part of UC's Asian Kiwi Society and the Student Volunteer Army."

HA GIANG NHAT TRAN (KATHERYN)
VIETNAM

Diploma in University Studies (Commerce) to Bachelor of Commerce at UC
UC International First Year Scholarship Recipient (NZ$15,000)
UCIC Special Merit Scholarship Recipient (NZ$5,000)

English language programmes

Courses are delivered on campus in Christchurch. Programmes include General English, IELTS Preparation, and English for Academic Purposes (EAP).

Christchurch College of English

Students who successfully complete an EAP 2 programme at CCEL (and meet University of Canterbury's (UC) academic entry requirements) may transfer to UC's degree programmes.

Find out more about CCEL.

CCEL offers direct, pathways to UCIC and UC. Visit our website for more information.
E: study@ccel.co.nz

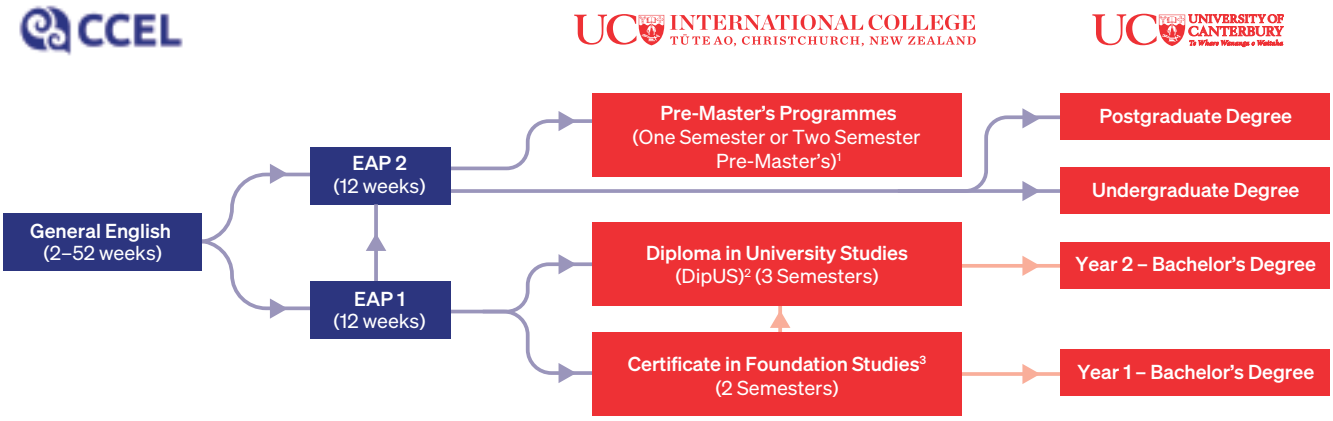
English Language programmes (EAP at CCEL)

EAP 1	
Entry requirements	IELTS 5.0 (or equivalent) The EAP 1 level assessment can be taken overseas before arrival.
Fees	NZ$5,592 (indicative)*
Start dates	22 February 2027 28 June 2027 11 October 2027
Duration	12 weeks
Hours	20 hours per week + 5 hours per week of optional independent learning
Location	On campus and online (for overseas students) provided by CCEL
Outcomes	By completing the EAP 1 programme, you will meet the English Language requirements of UC's international undergraduate pathway programmes.

* Plus additional costs such as enrolment, materials, and exams.

EAP 2	
Entry requirements	IELTS 5.5 or 6.0 Depending on your planned university study following the completion of EAP2.
Fees	NZ$6,262 (indicative)*
Start dates	22 March 2027 21 June 2027 11 October 2027
Duration	12 weeks
Hours	20 hours per week + 5 hours per week of optional independent learning
Location	On campus and online (for overseas students) provided by CCEL
Outcomes	Upon successful completion of the EAP 2 programme you will meet UC's minimum English language requirements. Depending on your GPA you will then be able to apply to selected bachelor's degrees, postgraduate degrees, master's degrees, or doctoral degrees at UC.

Guide to international pathways to UC



1. Certificate in Foundation Studies pathways successful students to Year 1 of their degree at UC or to the Diploma in University Studies via UCIC.
2. The Diploma is equivalent to Year 1 of the relevant degree at UC. Successful students then pathway to Year 2.
3. Pre-Master's Programmes offers a pathway into postgraduate study. Successful students will transition to UC to continue their Master's degree.

UC Undergraduate entry requirements

Education system	Entry requirements for undergraduate study
Australia	Year 12 Certificate and ATAR of 74 or higher; or Pre-university/foundation course completed at an Australian Institution with merit (average of 60% or no less than B grade overall)
Brazil	One year of successful study towards an undergraduate degree at a recognised university in Brazil
Cambridge International Examinations (Cie)	canterbury.ac.nz/enrol/eligibility
Canada	canterbury.ac.nz/enrol/eligibility
China	A completed National College Entrance Examination (Gaokao) from China with a minimum score of 65%; or Completed one year of successful study (70% average) towards a four-year bachelor's degree at a recognised university; or Completed a Diploma from a recognised university requiring no less than two years to complete (70% average, the Diploma must have sufficient academic content. Applications are considered on a case by case basis)
Fiji	Fiji Form Seven Examination/Fiji Year 13 Certificate: a total of at least 250 out of 400 over four relevant subjects, with a minimum of 50 in English USP Foundation Year: Successful completion of the USP Foundation Year programme with a grade average of B or higher, and no grades less than C, in the eight required courses
France	Baccalauréat Diploma
GCE 'A' Levels	3 A-levels with one A-level at Grade C or above. A result in General Studies cannot be included (Sri Lankan students should refer to Sri Lanka)
Germany	Abitur: Students who have achieved a grade of 13 in the English language paper of the Abitur examination are exempt from taking one of the standard English language tests as proof of their competence in English
Hong Kong	Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education: Holders of the Diploma must present a score of 15, based on aggregate of the student's best five subjects (at an average Level 3 in each subject) from any combination of Core and Category A and C electives but excluding Category B (Applied Learning) subjects
India	Completed 12 years of high school and achieved the following: • An overall average of 75% in Indian School Certificate (ISC) from CISCE or All-India Senior School Certificate (AISSC) from CBSE with a minimum of 60% in English or • An overall academic score of 75% with a minimum English score of 60% from one of the following three Indian State Board Year 12 qualifications : Maharashtra, Karnataka and West Bengal or • An overall academic score of 80% with a minimum English score of 65% from all other Indian State Boards
Indonesia	One year of successful study towards an undergraduate degree at a recognised University in Indonesia; or Completion of SMU III with average score of 8.5 or more
International Baccalaureate (Ib)	Successful completion of International Baccalaureate Diploma

Education system	Entry requirements for undergraduate study
Japan	One year of successful study toward an undergraduate degree at a recognised university in Japan; or Completion of a Junior College Diploma of 2–3 years duration (Applicants with a Junior College Diploma are likely to gain admission to a general degree programme only); or High School Diploma with a minimum average 3.5
Malaysia	STPM: Three passes at Principal level (no lower than C) including one at B grade or better; or UEC: A maximum of 20 points over five academic subjects. (Calculated on the basis that A1 = 1 point, A2 = 2 points, B3 = 3 points etc) Students who have achieved a grade of 4B or better in O-level English (SPM1119) are exempt from taking one of the standard English language tests as proof of their competence in English Malaysian Matrikulation Certificate: Minimum GPA of 2.5. (Calculated on the basis that A=4.0, A-=3.67, B+=3.33, B=3.0, B-=2.67, C+=2.33, C=2.0, C-=1.67, D+=1.33, D=1.0, F=0)
Aotearoa New Zealand (University Entrance Through NCEA)	**NCEA Level 3** Three subjects — at Level 3 made up of: • 14 credits in each of three approved subjects is required Literacy — 10 credits at Level 2 or above made up of: • 5 credits in reading • 5 credits in writing Numeracy — 10 credits at Level 1 or above made up of: • Achievement standards — specified achievement standards available through a range of subjects, or • Unit standards — package of three numeracy unit standards (26623, 26626, 26627 — all three required)
Pakistan	One year of successful study towards an undergraduate degree at a recognised university in Pakistan
Philippines	Completed High School Diploma (Academic Track) from the Philippines with a minimum grade of 85%; or one year of successful study towards an undergraduate degree at a recognised University in the Philippines
Russia	One year of successful study towards an undergraduate degree at a recognised university in Russia
Saudi Arabia	One year of successful study towards an undergraduate degree at a recognised university in Saudi Arabia; or Associate Degree with a GPA of 3.00/5.00 or 2.00/4.00 at a recognised institution
Singapore	NUS High School Diploma or Singapore GCE A levels: a minimum of three H2 passes at C grade
Solomon Islands	Three or more B grades in the South Pacific Form Seven Certificate All students must have grade 5 or better in PSSC English (for literacy) and grade 6 or better in PSSC maths (for numeracy)
South Africa	Applicants must have completed the National Senior Certificate and be eligible to enrol in a bachelor's degree at a South African university
South Korea	One year of successful study towards an undergraduate degree at a recognised Korean university; or a College Scholastic Ability Test (CSAT) from South Korea with a minimum score of 250.
South Pacific Countries	South Pacific Form 7 Certificate with 3 or more B grades in academic subjects with a minimum Grade 5 in PSSC English (for literacy) and Grade 6 in PSSC Maths (for numeracy)
Sri Lanka	canterbury.ac.nz/enrol/eligibility

Education system	Entry requirements for undergraduate study
Taiwan	A satisfactory standard in Senior High School and a Junior College Diploma of at least two years' duration; or Junior High School and a five year Junior College Diploma; or One year of successful study toward an undergraduate degree at a recognised university in Taiwan; or A completed Associate Degree / Junior College Diploma from a recognised institution (Taiwan)
Thailand	One year of successful study towards an undergraduate degree at a recognised university in Thailand; or Completion of Matayom 6 with an average score of 3.2 or higher
United Arab Emirates	One year of successful study towards an undergraduate degree at a recognised university in UAE
United Kingdom	'A' and 'AS' levels GCSE sat in UK: • Five subjects: 2 'A'+ 3 GCSE at Grade C or above; or 2 'A' + 2 'AS' + 1 GCSE at Grade C or above; or 1 'A' + 2 'AS' + 2 GCSE at Grade C or above • Four subjects: 3 'A' + 1 GCSE at Grade C or above; or 3 'A' + 1 'AS'; or 2 'A' + 2 'AS'; or 4 'AS' • Three subjects: 1 'A' + 2 'AS' • Two subjects: 2 'A'
United States Of America	High School Diploma with a minimum GPA of 2.5
Vanuatu	Three or more B grades in the South Pacific Form Seven Certificate. All students must have grade 5 or better in VSSC English (for literacy) and grade 6 or better in VSSC maths (for numeracy)
Vietnam	Completion of Grade 12 as shown on the High School report (Học Bạ Trung Học Phổ Thông) from Vietnam with a minimum GPA of 8.0/10.0 in each of the best four subjects (mandatory and elective subjects), and a pass in the National High School Graduation Examination (Kỳ Thi Tốt Nghiệp Trung Học Phổ Thông Quốc Gia)

Please visit **checkwhatyouneed.canterbury.ac.nz** for the admission requirements to UC.

Requirements for admission

Studying at university will be one of the most rewarding challenges you will ever face. At UC, we aim to make it easy and achievable.

How do I gain admission to UC?

There are two main entry requirements to get into UC:

- English language entry requirements
- Academic entry requirements.

Check if you are eligible.

Find out more about our Admissions process by visiting our Eligibility page.

English language entry requirements

Before starting your degree at UC, you need to provide evidence of your English skills. You have met the language requirements if you have:

New Zealand University Entrance (UE)

- National Certificate of Educational Achievement (NCEA)
- Cambridge International Examinations (CIE)
- International Baccalaureate (IB)

An overseas entrance qualification

From a country where the main language is English and the instruction for the qualification was also in English.

None of the above

If you do not have the above, you will be required to perform well in one of the approved English language tests listed (right).

- English for Academic Purposes (EAP)
- IELTS (Academic)
- PEARSONS
- TOEFL (iBT)
- Duolingo English Test (DET)

English Language Proficiency

Please visit our English Language Proficiency page to find out more about UC's admission requirements

Approved English language test scores for entry to UC

English for Academic Purposes (EAP)	
Undergraduate programmes	EAP 2 grade C+
Graduate diplomas and postgraduate programmes	EAP 2 grade B+
Estimated cost	$6,080 NZD
IELTS (Academic)	
Undergraduate programmes	6.0 overall (no section < 5.5)
Graduate diplomas and postgraduate programmes	6.5 overall (no section < 6.0)
Estimated cost	$475 NZD
PEARSONS (Academic)	
Undergraduate programmes	Overall score of 50 (no section < 42)
Graduate diplomas and postgraduate programmes	Overall score of 58 (no section < 50)
Estimated cost	$410 NZD
TOEFL (iBT)	
Undergraduate programmes	Minimum total 80, with minimum 19 in reading, writing, listening, and speaking.
Graduate diplomas and postgraduate programmes	Minimum total 90, with minimum 19 in reading, writing, listening, and speaking
Estimated cost	$380 NZD (approximately or $225 USD)
Duolingo English Test (DET)	
Undergraduate programmes	Overall score of 105, with no individual band score below 95.
Graduate and postgraduate programmes	Overall score of 120, with no individual band score below 105.

Support services

We are proud of our diverse communities at UC, and offer a wide range of support to help you succeed during your time with us.

Find an agent

If you are not directly applying to UC, you can apply through one of our authorised partners. Work with an international network of trusted education partners who can assist you with your application, visa process, and study preparation.

www.canterbury.ac.nz/study/getting-started/getting-started-for-international-students/who-can-help-me

Academic support

Code of Practice

The Education (Pastoral Care of Tertiary and International Learners) Code of Practice 2021 sets the standard for how New Zealand education providers support students from overseas. The Code ensures institutions offer high-quality care and accurate information, recognise the unique needs of international students, and maintain a safe, welcoming environment in all aspects of student life.

www2.nzqa.govt.nz/tertiary/the-code

Academic Skills Centre (ASC)

ASC is a free service that provides writing and study help. Get advice on completing assignments and grammar, and learning in workshops and seminars.

Mentoring

When you join UC's mentoring programmes, you will be matched with an older student who is studying similar subjects to you. Mentors will help you adjust to life on campus, and you can share your experiences with them.

Life on campus

Te Pātaka

Te Pātaka, our student services hub located in the Central Library, is the first place to visit if you need help with things like:

- general enquiries
- enrolment support
- student finance and scholarships
- admissions
- Kaitoko (First-Year Student Advisors)
- academic skills and support
- assistive technology and accessibility
- international student experience
- digital and IT.

Rainbow students support

Our Rainbow Leads offer support for all rainbow students, including information about gender affirmation. We have many rainbow clubs on campus such as QCanterbury, Queer in Law, and Rainbow Engineering. We also have a Rainbow Room on campus for students to use as a study, meeting, or social space, and events such as Rainbow Café.

Student Care

The Student Care international support team is here for you throughout your studies. Get confidential support for wellbeing, cultural transition, relationships, or any issues affecting your academics. Whether you need advice, someone to talk to, or help navigating life in Aotearoa, you can contact us by drop-in, appointment, or email.

Student Accessibility Service

We have dedicated equity and accessibility teams providing support for Māori, Pacific, rainbow, international, and neurodiverse students. Our student accessibility service ensures there is equal access to facilities and opportunities, extending their services to those with temporary injuries too.

Health and wellbeing

Health Centre

Get quality, affordable healthcare right here at UC's Health Centre. We also have confidential counselling services. There is a physiotherapy clinic on campus as well.

UC Rec and Sport

The UC RecCentre is free to all students. Simply sign up online and use your Canterbury Card to access group fitness classes, the climbing wall, squash or basketball courts, or cardio and weight training areas (some programmes and hires incur extra charges).

Career advice

UC Careers

Our professionally qualified and experienced career consultants and recruitment specialists are here to help students and recent graduates with:

- career development
- CV and cover letter writing
- interview practice
- one-on-one appointments.

Support and wellbeing services.

Explore resources available to you when you become a UC student.

Where will I live?

UC offers a safe, welcoming, and affordable lifestyle that balances study and recreation. With mountains, beaches, and outdoor adventures nearby, it is a dynamic and inspiring place to live and learn.

We recommend you look for accommodation as soon as you accept your offer to study at UC.

Before arriving in Christchurch

Ensure you have booked accommodation before arriving in Christchurch. Check our website for information on arranging transport to your accommodation.

Other accommodation options

Students under the age of 18 on arrival must apply for homestay, a fully-catered hall of residence, or live with a designated caregiver. For homestay information, see:
canterbury.ac.nz/life/accommodation/homestay-and-private-board

Accommodation on campus is limited for couples and families. For further information, see:
canterbury.ac.nz/life/accommodation/couples-and-families-accommodation

First Year accommodation cost estimates (based on 2026 costs)

Accommodation type	Residential fee	Deposit	Additional costs
Self-catered Hall of Residence	$277–$293 per week (41 weeks)	$1,100	Food, contents/ liability insurance
Catered Hall of Residence	$471–$766 per week (Feb–Nov)	$1,100–$2,950	Contents/liability insurance
Homestay	From $340 per week	From $300 placement fee	Transport, contents/ liability insurance
Private rental	$765–$900 per week for a house* $185–$250 per week for a room (4-bedroom house in Ilam for 52 weeks)	Up to 4 weeks rent as bond, and 1-2 weeks rent in advance	Food, power, internet, furniture, transport, contents/liability insurance

See hall options at **canterbury.ac.nz/life/accommodation/halls-of-residence**
* tenancy.govt.nz

UC Halls of Residence

With support services and staff on hand, we aim to make your transition to Aotearoa New Zealand life as easy as possible.

UC has agreements with specialist accommodation providers to manage all aspects of your accommodation experience. Your contract is directly with your hall of residence.

UC Halls of Residence offer single occupancy rooms, or there are also a small number of self-contained units for couples.

Take a look inside

Using the 360-degree panoramas online or by visiting:
canterbury.ac.nz/life/accommodation

Amenities

All halls of residence provide:

- **A fully-furnished room** with a bed, desk, chair, wardrobe, and bookshelf.
- **Fees covering all amenities** including heating and power.
- **Unlimited wi-fi** for UC students.
- **Everyday facilities** such as dining facilities or kitchens to self-cater, as well as laundry and bathroom facilities.
- **Car parking and bike storage** — limited.

Life in the Halls of Residence

Life in the halls includes study areas, plenty of social events and activities, and Residential Assistants supporting you throughout your stay.

UC Accommodation Services
T: +64 3 369 3569
E: accommodation@canterbury.ac.nz
canterbury.ac.nz/life/accommodation

Check out our halls of residence on campus and alternative off-campus options.

Visas and insurance

Student visas

Your student visa is normally for the same length of time as your studies.

You can apply for this visa if you are distance learning and you need to visit New Zealand for more than 3 months to attend your education provider, for example to do practical study or sit exams.

It is recommended to apply for your student visa as soon as you get an Offer of Place from UC.

Pathways to employment

Some UC qualifications are aligned with New Zealand's Green List of in-demand occupations. Completing one of these qualifications may support your eligibility to apply for a post-study work visa or other visa pathways through Immigration New Zealand. Please note being on the Green List does not guarantee residency or employment in New Zealand. Immigration policies, eligibility, and requirements are set by Immigration New Zealand and may change at any time.

immigration.govt.nz/green-list

Pathway Student Visa

Pathway Student Visa is for international students who want to study up to 3 programmes of study, one after the other, on a single visa.

immigration.govt.nz/study/study-visas/pathway-student-visa-information

Part-time work on student visa

You may be allowed to work part-time for up to 25 hours a week and full-time during all scheduled holidays and the Christmas and New Year holiday period if you meet the visa conditions stated by Immigration NZ.

immigration.govt.nz/study/once-you-have-a-student-visa/working-on-a-student-visa

Post Study Work Visa

If you successfully completed a full-time programme at UC, you may be eligible for a Post Study Work Visa. The duration of your visa varies and is subject to change.

Apply for this visa if you want to work in New Zealand soon after you have completed your studies here. It allows you to stay and work in New Zealand for up to 3 years, depending on what you studied.

Apply online or find out more: immigration.govt.nz/visas/post-study-work-visa	
Length of stay:	Up to 3 years
Cost:	From NZD $1670
Residency option:	Yes

All student visas are issued by Immigration New Zealand, not the University of Canterbury. Requirements, processing times, post-study work rights and residency eligibility are subject to change. Please refer to the Immigration New Zealand website for the most up-to-date information.

immigration.govt.nz/study/after-you-finish-your-study/staying-to-work-after-finishing-your-study

Medical and travel insurance

Most international students are not entitled to publicly-funded health services in New Zealand, so it is important you have insurance.

To enrol at UC, having medical and travel insurance while studying is a legal requirement under the Education (Pastoral Care of Tertiary and International Learners) Code of Practice 2021.

health.govt.nz

Accident Compensation Corporation

The Accident Compensation Corporation (ACC) provides accident insurance for everyone — New Zealand citizens, residents, and visitors — but you may still be liable for some medical and related costs.

acc.co.nz

Studentsafe-University insurance

You can purchase the Studentsafe-University policy when you complete your enrolment. This insurance cost will be added to your enrolment fees.

The policy meets the standards of the Education (Pastoral Care of Tertiary and International Learners) Code of Practice 2021.

It covers students intending to enrol at UC from the time they leave home (up to 31 days prior to enrolment). The policy covers transit stopovers, but does not cover stopovers that are holidays.

Pre-existing medical conditions

Pre-existing medical conditions are conditions that you have before you enrol in the plan and can include conditions you were aware of, but did not seek treatment for. These conditions are not automatically covered by Studentsafe-University so you must apply to the insurer and receive notice of acceptance of such condition(s). You can apply for cover by completing an online medical risk assessment form.

Dental treatment

Dental treatment in Aotearoa New Zealand is expensive and is generally not covered by insurance. However, UCSA has subsidised dental care for all enrolled students.

ucsa.org.nz/student-support

Insurance for international students

Health and travel insurance is required to avoid unwanted high costs.

Next steps

To secure your place at UC, simply follow the steps below.

1

Choose your qualification

UC offers more than 120 different qualifications across many academic fields.
study.canterbury.ac.nz

2

Check your eligibility

Before you can enrol at UC, you must meet UC's admission and English language requirements. Please visit **checkwhatyouneed.canterbury.ac.nz**

3

Get advice from an expert

Before applying, it is wise to consult with a UC representative. They can give you advice about qualifications, admissions, visas, fees, accommodation, and travel.

4

Apply for admission

If you have an overseas qualification, you need to apply for admission online at myUC (**myuc.canterbury.ac.nz**) or via an approved UC agent. We recommend you apply as early as possible in advance of your intended start date to allow for visa and other arrangements. Once you have done this, we will contact you by email about any further information required.

5

Receive an Offer of Place

If your application for admission is successful, we will send you an Offer of Place, which will include a pro-forma invoice with instructions on how to pay your tuition fees.

6

Accept your offer and select your courses

To confirm your place at UC, log into your MyUC account (**myuc.canterbury.ac.nz**) and click 'Accept' for the application year you intend to enrol. Contact a Student Advisor at your respective faculty for course advice or select your courses on MyUC. Your courses will be checked by the relevant faculty, school, or department.

7

Be ready to apply for a student visa

Prepare now and be ready to apply for a student visa. You can check updates about New Zealand border regulations and student visa requirements at **immigration.govt.nz**

8

Come along to International Orientation

UC offers a dedicated international orientation programme to prepare new international students. You can register for the International Welcome and Orientation.

9

Complete your enrolment

International enrolment takes place in the week before your lectures start.

10

Enjoy life at UC

You did it! Now come and experience what it means to be a student at UC.

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