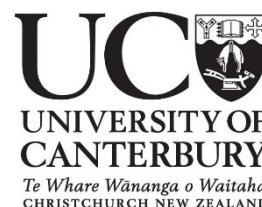


University of Canterbury

2026 Vacation Dates



The academic year at the University of Canterbury generally consists of two semesters of study: Semester One (16 February – 20 June 2026) and Semester Two (13 July – 07 November 2026). Some programmes may vary slightly in start and end dates. Students may also choose to study over the summer vacation period (Summer School).

2026 UC Vacation Dates:

Mid-semester vacation:	28 March – 19 April
Mid-year vacation:	21 June – 12 July
Mid-semester vacation:	22 August – 06 September
Summer vacation:	08 November – 14 February 2027

2026 Official University Holidays:

Waitangi Day	6 February
Easter Friday, Easter Monday	03 April, 06 April
University Holiday	07 April
ANZAC Day (Observed)	27 April
King's Birthday	01 June
Matariki	10 July
Labour Day	26 October
Canterbury Show Day	13 November
Christmas Eve	24 December
Christmas Day	25 December
Boxing Day (Observed)	28 December
University Holidays	29 December, 30 December, 31 December

For a full list of dates for the UC calendar year, please refer to www.canterbury.ac.nz/key-dates.

Those employing international students full-time over these scheduled vacation periods should always check the work rights noted on the student's electronic visa. Any specific questions about a student's eligibility to work full-time should be directed to Immigration New Zealand.

