2023
Introduction to UC for Year 11 and 12
He Arataki ki UC
Kia ora tātou

Nau mai, tauti mai.

This booklet contains the basics of university.

University has a different kind of structure from what you may be used to and this booklet will show you what to expect. For instance, you can pick and choose courses from different areas, learn outside the classroom, make friends in unexpected ways, and so much more.

Te Whare Wānanga o Waitaha | University of Canterbury offers you lots of support alongside an excellent education and a memorable experience.

Kia kaha e hoa mā!

Aki

Studying towards a Bachelor of Business and Health
Meet different people

University is a diverse place with a chance to meet like-minded people, and people with completely different backgrounds and stories.

The great thing about university is discovering the potential of things and having your own unique experience. All these opportunities are available in one place.

Aotearoa needs...

More skilled graduates are needed in engineering, psychology, health and social services, ICT, teaching, and environmental science to tackle issues like sustainable infrastructure, wellbeing, and climate change.

Why university?

Improve job outcomes

Our latest Graduate Destination Survey 2020 revealed:

- **87%** of graduates found work
- **96%** of Education grads found jobs
- **87%** of Education, Maths, and Statistics grads had full-time jobs
- **87%** of Engineering and Technology grads had full-time jobs

SALARY

Most graduates earned between $50,001–$60,000.

Those earning over $60,000 per year had bachelor’s degrees in areas of Maths and Statistics, Engineering and Technology, and the Sciences.

FEES-FREE

The fees-free scheme means if you’re eligible you may not have to pay tuition fees in your first year at UC. See page 30.
'Get out there, meet people and join clubs. Get involved with the life that UC has to offer. I’m so happy I made the step. I was really nervous at first because I didn’t know anybody but I’m glad I went out of my comfort zone. It’s really paid off.’

Michael

Studying a Bachelor of Sports Coaching
Why is Year 12 important?

Year 13 subjects
In Year 12, you’ll pick your subjects for Year 13. While most of our degrees are open to all students, for some degrees it’s recommended to study some subjects in high school. For instance:

• An Engineering degree at UC requires Calculus and Physics, and, in some cases, Chemistry.
• Our Fine Arts degree requires a portfolio of your best art work.
• For degrees like forestry science, it’s helpful to study biology in school.

Scholarships
Most university scholarships for those students finishing school are based on the grades you get in Year 12 — see page 30 for more information.

Who do I contact?
If you or your whānau have any questions about studying at UC, our Liaison team are here to help. They can assist with such questions as:

• What subjects should I take in Year 13?
• Are there any special requirements for the subject/degree I would like to study at UC?
• What accommodation options are there for living on campus?

The Liaison team also help Year 13s with the enrolment process, reminding them of important dates throughout the year, and assisting in the planning of their first-year courses.

canterbury.ac.nz/future-students/contact-us

‘I had heard great things about Geography and Geology at UC and I wanted to be a part of it. Everything at UC looked so modern and the facilities looked great. They have met my expectations and this feels like the place for me.’

Flora
Studying towards a Bachelor of Science in Geography
What is university?
Common terms

Degrees
Degrees are a type of qualification you can study at university — there are several types of qualifications varying in level of study and length of time, such as:

Bachelor's degrees
A bachelor's degree is an undergraduate qualification that usually takes 3–4 years to complete. UC offers a wide range of bachelor's degrees — see page 25.

Double degrees
Some bachelor's degrees can be studied together. This option involves more study, but you can specialise in different areas, opening up a wider range of career options.

Conjoint degrees
Conjoint degrees combine two bachelor's degrees into a singular degree. Unlike double degrees, these must be completed at the same time, and involve a much higher workload.

Subjects
Subjects are areas you can study in your degree. Some subjects you can continue from secondary school such as Music, Geography, English, while some you can start new at UC like Social Work, Linguistics, Marketing.

Major
A major is the subject you choose to focus on all the way to the final year of your bachelor’s degree. For example, a Bachelor of Arts majoring in Psychology.

Double major
You can sometimes choose to concentrate on two subjects that you’re interested in (double major). These can be completed in the same time as a single major without the extra workload.

Minor
A minor is another way to focus on a subject, but you will only study this up to your second year.
For example, a Bachelor of Science majoring in Chemistry with a minor in Environmental Science.

Specialisations
Choosing a Specialisation in the Bachelor of Arts means you study a set programme of courses centred on a broad theme. Specialisations are bigger than a typical major and they include courses from a range of subjects.

Courses
A course is a specific topic within a subject, for example an American history course within the History subject. This involves lectures, assignments, and other forms of study. Your degree is made up of multiple courses.
See page 13.

Points
Each course has a points value (similar to credits from NCEA). You will need to complete a certain number of points overall to successfully finish your study.

Semester
The academic year is split into two periods of study known as semesters. One semester is the equivalent of two terms at secondary school.
Aotearoa universities have standard entry requirements to enrol for studies. Check with your school’s Careers Advisor or on our website for what you will need to get University Entrance: canterbury.ac.nz/enrol/eligibility

Other pathways to get into UC

UC also has pathways if you still need to meet UE requirements after secondary school including:

Cambridge International Examinations (CIE)

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International Baccalaureate Diploma (IB)

You can gain admission to UC, if you have been awarded the IB Diploma.

The literacy requirement for admission to university will be met if the IB diploma has been completed with English as the language in any of:

- Language A: literature (SL or HL),
- Language A: language and literature (SL or HL), or
- Language B: (HL).
How do courses work?

• A key difference from secondary school is that you are in charge of your own study planning at uni. But there’s plenty of help available at UC to help you settle in.
• Each course will include a series of lectures, similar to a class but with a lot more students.
• Usually, you will complete four courses in a semester, with each course having around two lectures a week.

Lectures
You will take your own notes in lectures, and may also get the opportunity to ask questions or have a class-wide discussion.
You can find presentations, notes, or the lecture recording online if you miss anything.

Assignments
You’ll complete assignments throughout the course, which include essays, fieldtrips, open-book tests, presentations, etc. Most courses also finish with an exam.

Tutorials
Each course includes a tutorial (and laboratory for Science courses), which are smaller groups from your lectures, usually taught by a senior student. These are the best opportunities to ask in-depth questions, discuss assignments, and get to know your classmates.

Ask for help
Feel free to ask for help any time with your course planning, assignments, or life in general. See our support services on page 33–35.
One major difference that you'll notice between being at school and university is the amount of time you're in class. At university you'll only spend about 14–20 hours per week in classes, quite different from the 30–35 hours you spend in class at school.

However, you are expected do approximately the same amount of time doing recommended readings, attending study groups, etc. So if you are studying full-time then you will spend about 30–40 hours per week with combined lectures and independent work.
**Sample Criminal Justice timetable (Semester 1)**

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‘I learnt through my study that our criminal justice system has a lot of flaws, and my degrees have put me in the best possible place to positively impact this system, and understand the lives of those within the criminal justice system and help guide them through it.’

Charlie
Bachelor of Criminal Justice
Master of Criminal Justice
What does my first year look like?

February
- Lectures begin
- Orientation Week (O-week)
- Clubs Day

March
- Mid-semester break

April
- Lectures resume
- Te Wiki o te Reo Māori
- Exams

May
- Study break
- Exams

June
- Mid-year break: goodbye study!

July
- Lectures begin
- Reorientation
- Matariki celebrations

August
- Mid-semester break

September
- Lectures resume
- Te Wiki o te Reo Māori
- Exams

October
- Study break
- Exams

November
- End of lectures celebration: Tea Party

December
- Enrol in your second year courses!
- See you next year, when we do it all again
How do I choose my study ...

Your typical high school subjects can translate into a lot more options at university. These are two examples to show you the range of options available.

For many degrees, you don’t need prior study experience, so give it a go and you might find what works for you. See page 19.

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... or discover a new interest?

University is a great place for you to mix-and-match and try new subjects. Our subject list is on page 20–21 or go to canterbury.ac.nz/study/subjects

Flexible study

Combine subjects

Besides a major and minor, you can also include courses from other subject areas. For instance, while doing a Bachelor of Arts, you can do courses like Antarctic Studies, Criminal Justice, Health Sciences, and more.

Combine degrees

See ‘common terms’ on page 9 to know what double and conjoint degrees are. Some popular examples of double degree combinations are Arts/Commerce, Product Design/Science, Law/Criminal Justice.

Conjoint degrees are another way to go. While the workload is intensive, conjoints cost less than a double degree, and you would complete two study areas in a shorter time than doing both separately.

Change your mind?

You might think of changing your direction after you have already enrolled. That’s very common and we think it’s an exciting part of your university journey. You may be able to change your major, minor, and even your degree at any time during your study. Say you started off with Engineering but decide you’d rather do Science, you can transfer your completed courses from Engineering to your new degree.

‘In my first year I took a bunch of extra papers in Te Reo Māori, commerce, and politics. For one of the commerce papers, I got to go on a management trip to China. About thirty of us went to a university for a few weeks and then visited all these different businesses. It was the most crazy, surreal thing – but really awesome! I met some of my best friends on that trip.’

Emma

Studying towards a Bachelor of Engineering with Honours in Electrical and Electronic Engineering with a minor in Power Engineering

If you need any advice or clarification, contact our Liaison team. canterbury.ac.nz/future-students
## Subjects

### A
- Accounting
- Aerospace Engineering
- Ancient Greek
- Antarctic Studies
- Anthropology
- Applied Immersive Game Design
- Art History and Theory
- Astronomy

### B
- Biochemistry
- Bioinformatics
- Biological Sciences
- Biomedical Engineering
- Bioprocess Engineering
- Business Analytics
- Business and Sustainability

### C
- Chemical and Process Engineering
- Chemical Formulation Design
- Chemistry
- Chinese
- Cinema Studies
- Civil Engineering
- Classics
- Communication Strategy and Practice
- Communications and Network Engineering
- Composition

### D
- Computational Linguistics
- Computer Engineering
- Computer Science
- Creative Industries and Contemporary Practice
- Creative Music Technology
- Criminal Justice
- Cultural Heritage
- Cultural Studies

### E
- Data Science
- Digital Humanities

### F
- Early Childhood Teacher Education
- Economics
- Ecosystem Health and Biosecurity Education
- Electrical and Electronic Engineering
- English
- English Language
- Environmental Change
- Environmental Contamination
- Environmental Hazards and Disasters
- Environmental Policy, Governance and Social Justice
- Environmental Process Engineering
- Environmental Science
- European and European Union Studies

### G
- Film
- Finance
- Financial Engineering
- Forest Engineering
- Forestry Science
- French
- Freshwater

### H
- Geography
- German
- Global Societies and Cultures
- Graphic Design

### I
- Health Education
- History
- Human Resource Management
- Human Services
- Humanitarian Work

### International
- Indigenous Knowledge and Sustainable Partnerships
- Industrial Product Design
- Information Systems
- Innovation
- International Affairs
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Find more information

To learn more about various degrees and subjects available, pick up one of these brochures from your school advisors, or read them online. canterbury.ac.nz/publications/brochure-gallery
Degree options

General degrees

What is a general degree?
• The most flexible degrees
• You can study subjects from other areas eg, you could do a Science degree and also study English or Education
• You choose a major or specialisation, and can also do a double major or minor
• General degrees can be started in February (Semester 1) or in July (Semester 2).

General undergraduate degrees at UC include:
• Bachelor of Arts
• Bachelor of Commerce
• Bachelor of Science
• Bachelor of Youth and Community Leadership.

Specialist degrees

What is a specialist degree?
• They might prepare you for a career in a particular profession
• Usually a number of courses are compulsory and your study is more prescribed
• Specialist degrees usually start in February (Semester 1) only
• Some specialist degrees have limited entry to the first year and require a special application. Others, while having open entry to the first year, require students to obtain a certain grade average before they can study the second year of the degree.

These UC degrees include professional training in the following areas:
• Bachelor of Communication
• Bachelor of Criminal Justice
• Bachelor of Data Science
• Bachelor of Engineering with Honours
• Bachelor of Environmental Science with Honours
• Bachelor of Fine Arts
• Bachelor of Forestry Science
• Bachelor of Health Sciences
• Bachelor of Laws
• Bachelor of Music
• Bachelor of Product Design
• Bachelor of Social and Environmental Sustainability
• Bachelor of Social Work with Honours
• Bachelor of Speech and Language Pathology with Honours
• Bachelor of Sport Coaching
• Ako: Bachelor of Teaching and Learning.

‘I think that a lot of students go into Law thinking that the only option is to come out and be a lawyer. I wanted to be a researcher. My Law degree taught me how to critically think, how to write, and how to research. My Arts degree, on the other hand, opened my mind to other possibilities, to think about the way I’m thinking.’

Liam (Ngāi Tahu, Ngāti Porou)
Bachelor of Laws and a Bachelor of Arts in Māori and Indigenous Studies and Sociology, Master of Laws
Put your degree to work

Practical degrees
Many of our degrees have a placement/internship component that allows you to experience the working world. You get to know the employer and build connections to reach out to after graduation.

Professional and Community Engagement (PACE)
PACE studies involve working on projects, or in internships, with businesses and community organisations. You will be matched with your internship project based on your studies and your interests. Past students have completed projects, from media strategy development, event organisation, marketing, fundraising, health advocacy, environmental advice, policy analysis, and more.

Careers Centre
You can talk to our career consultants and recruitment specialists at UC Careers. They will advise you if you're heading in the right direction so you feel more confident.

canterbury.ac.nz/careers

Centre for Entrepreneurship (UCE)
The UCE Summer Startup programme is a 10-week programme where students participate in workshops, build relationships, pitch their idea, and develop it into a feasible enterprise. UCE can help you gain all-round business skills.
canterbury.ac.nz/uce

Lecturers
Your lecturers have lots of academic and industry experience and will be able to guide you.
‘You can’t beat learning from lecturers who write the textbooks, and then having their support to go out and apply it either through community work or legal practice. UC is always pushing to be innovative and that’s cool to be a part of.’ — Briar, Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and History, and a Bachelor of Laws

Student stories
Read more about how our graduates are using their degrees.
canterbury.ac.nz/get-started/why-uc/student-profiles

‘PACE has been very rewarding and one of the most valuable experiences I have had studying here. It is the closest you can get to real and professional work experience, while simultaneously using your degree and achieving points. The coordinators are some of the most knowledgeable people I have met in terms of supporting me with my career aspirations and the internship itself.’

Carli
Bachelor of Arts in Psychology with a minor in Media and Communication
FREE BREAKFAST FOR CYCLISTS
8AM - 10AM TODAY
BEATRICE TINSLEY BIKE PARK
BYO MUG FOR COFFEE
Pūao | STAR

STAR is a programme for Year 12 or 13 students, where you can study first-year university courses either on campus or online. This will make you more confident about university and connect you with other like-minded students.

Once you get University Entrance, you can credit these courses towards a relevant degree at UC and usually at other universities too.

canterbury.ac.nz/star

Events

Some of the events where you can explore the campus and life at UC are:

- Aukaha (Year 10 and 12 ākonga Māori)
canterbury.ac.nz/events/tours-and-events/aukaha

- Te Rā Tūhura | Discovery Day (for Year 12 students)
canterbury.ac.nz/support/get-support/career-advisors/year-12-discovery-day

- Ararau UC | UC Possibilities (to explore the Arts)
canterbury.ac.nz/arts/outreach-for-schools/uc-possibilities

- Campus tours
  Check out our 360-degree virtual campus or book a guided tour.
canterbury.ac.nz/events/tours-and-events/campus-tours

- Hui Tairanga | Info evenings
canterbury.ac.nz/infoevenings

- Rā Tōmene | Open Day
canterbury.ac.nz/openday
Funding my studies

UC offers a number of scholarships for school leavers:
• academic
• school leadership
• culture
• community
• sports
• hardship
• accommodation.
There are many scholarships available and new ones are established regularly.
Make sure you search our database for the most up-to-date scholarships: canterbury.ac.nz/scholarships

You should apply for whichever you think you are eligible for, as it is possible to hold more than one scholarship at a time.

University of Canterbury Students’ Association (UCSA)
UCSA provides assistance in times of financial distress to all students at all levels of study. These extend to food, hardship, financial loans, Covid-19, and more.
Learn more at ucsa.org.nz/student-support/financial-assistance

Fees-free
Your first year may be fees-free. You will still have to pay non-tuition fees like study-related costs.
For more information on this visit feesfree.govt.nz

Student Loans and Allowances
To see if you’re eligible for a Student Allowance, please check with StudyLink directly. Go to studylink.govt.nz or freephone in NZ 0800 88 99 00.
After your first year, you can pay for your following years of study with a student loan.

Estimated domestic undergraduate fees (2021)

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* Range depends on whether students are in catered or self-catered accommodation

** Your actual fees will depend on the mix of courses you take. For indicative fees (domestic or international) for a specific course, go to canterbury.ac.nz/courses

These costs are based on an 18-year-old domestic student, ineligible for fees-free, living away from home. If you are living at home, you will be able to significantly reduce these costs.
Out of the classroom
Get support

**Academic**

**Academic Skills Centre**
The Centre helps you get a handle on completing assignments, plus studying strategies, grammar help, workshops, and seminars.

**Mentors**
Mentors are senior students with similar subject interests who’ve been in your shoes before. They’ll show you around campus and help you settle into university life. Many clubs offer mentoring too.

**Careers, Internships and Employment**
Identify your strengths, explore career options, and plan the best way to reach your goals. Have your CV checked, learn interview skills, or book an appointment with a Careers Advisor for one-on-one advice.

canterbury.ac.nz/careers

**Health and wellbeing**

**Health Centre**
UC Health Centre offers a range of GP and medical services, including injuries, sexual health, counselling, travel advice, vaccines, etc. There is also physiotherapy and a pharmacy on campus.

**RecCentre**
Keep active on campus at the RecCentre with a fully-equipped gym, social sports, and group fitness classes.

**Student Care**
Student Care is your first point of contact for study or life in general, including wellbeing. They will help you understand your options and work out the best way forward.

UC Health Centre also offers free and confidential counselling to students.

**University of Canterbury Students’ Association (UCSA)**
UCSA has a subsidised dental scheme for UC students, menstrual emergency services, $10 eye exams, food vouchers, and other subsidised support.

**Equity and Diversity**
This team understands diversity, equity, and differently-abled matters. They are well resourced to make your experience as inclusive as it can be.

‘I have dyslexia and auditory processing disorder, so I can easily misunderstand things. UC’s Equity and Disability Centre has been a huge help. They get me access to lecture notes before the lecture, so I can read through at my own pace instead of trying to keep up in class.’

**Remington**
Bachelor of Arts in Education and History, studying towards a Graduate Diploma in Teaching and Learning
Community

There are spaces on campus that are open to anyone, regardless of background.

**Te Ratonga Whaikaha Student Accessibility Service** assures there is equal access to facilities and opportunities, extending their services for those with temporary injuries too.

We have a growing rainbow, takatāpui community on campus — students and staff. QCantarbury (a UCSA club) and the Queer-Straight Alliance (QSA) are safe, social places for sexually and gender diverse people, as well as allies.

UC and QCantarbury helped set up the Robin Duff Room, a space for LGBTQIA+ students.

University allows you to explore your identity in a new way — **Te Waka Pākākano**, the Māori, Pasifika, and Equity Office, provides a network of support.

**Student Volunteer Army (SVA)**

The SVA is UC’s largest and world-famous student club with over 2,000 members who regularly volunteer in various community projects.

**Clubs and events**

Clubs help you find or create your own community. Opshopping, gaming, activism, snow sports, mental health and much more — UC has the greatest number of student clubs than any other Aotearoa university.

[canterbury.ac.nz/life/studentlife/clubs](http://canterbury.ac.nz/life/studentlife/clubs)

**Halls**

Our students find that staying in campus accommodation in their first year is a great way to get a feel of the community vibe, meet new people, and find support. There are a bunch of social events held throughout the year too.

[canterbury.ac.nz/life/accommodation](http://canterbury.ac.nz/life/accommodation)

**UniLife**

Not staying in halls? No problem. UniLife is a year-long programme run by students for first-year students who don’t stay in campus accommodation. Social events and activities are organised for you to socialise and navigate uni life together. Your Leader also helps you connect with clubs that are right for you.

[canterbury.ac.nz/support/get-support/new/unilife](http://canterbury.ac.nz/support/get-support/new/unilife)

**Compact campus**

UC’s campus is all in one place — like a city within a city — making it easy to stroll, cycle, or skate around through our beautiful gardens.

There are three libraries, computer suites with 24-hour access, lecture theatres, labs, and studios.

Grab a snack at one of the 15 cafés and eateries or catch up over a drink and a board game after class at UCSA’s bar, The Foundry.

[canterbury.ac.nz/life/studentlife/explore](http://canterbury.ac.nz/life/studentlife/explore)

**Curry SOC**, started by a student keen on exploring cultures through curries, is now one of the biggest clubs on campus.

**UC AEROSPACE**, started by a student who wanted to introduce people to building rockets and aerospace, now does international events and has been in the news a couple of times.

So... your club idea could be the next big thing!
Community

What a UC student looks like

- 13% Rainbow
- 2% Trans/gender diverse
- 14% have disability or long-term conditions
- 14% have primary language other than English
- 10% have dependents at home
- 55% work while studying
- 72% of students have said they made life-long friends while at UC
Why Ōtautahi Christchurch?

- 11% cheaper than Wellington.
- 15% cheaper than Auckland
- Largest inner city park in the southern hemisphere
- 20 minutes — city to beaches, biking and walking tracks
- 2 hours — ocean to alps

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From campus to ...

1. UC campus
2. University of Canterbury Student Association (UCSA)
3. UC accommodation
4. Asian supermarket and restaurants
   15-minute walk from UC
5. Westfield shopping mall
   5-minute drive from UC
6. Central business district (CBD)
   10-minute bike from UC
7. Port Hills
   20-minute drive from UC, for to the adventure park, walking tracks, views and ziplines
8. Beach
   20-minute drive from UC
9. Airport
   10-minute drive from UC
10. UC sports field
What sets Christchurch apart?
Rents in Ōtautahi Christchurch are 15% cheaper than Auckland and 11% cheaper than Wellington. (Source: ChristchurchNZ)
You’ll find new public spaces and gardens, a colourful CBD, less congestion, and future-focused sustainable businesses.

Balance out your studies
• 4 dual ziplines at Christchurch Adventure Park.
• 10 ski fields within two hours’ drive from Christchurch.
• Check out Riverside Market, Port Hills, Banks Peninsula, Akaroa, Hanmer Springs, plus explore South Island spots like Arthur’s Pass National Park, Kaikōura, Milford Sound, Queenstown.
• There are heaps of events like festivals, concerts, and sporting events.

UC’s unique location
UC is the only fully purpose-built, self-contained residential campus in the country. It’s got the benefit of being distinct from the rest of Christchurch, yet only 5km away from the city centre.
There are open green spaces where you can sunbathe after lectures, or take a breather when you’re stressed. Watch out for skateboarders, scooters, roller bladers, and cyclists though!