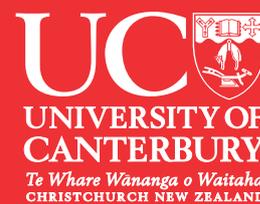


Bachelor of Youth and Community Leadership

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The Bachelor of Youth and Community Leadership (BYCL) degree will empower you to make positive and meaningful contribution to communities – both local and global. In its focus and its approach to teaching and learning, this degree is like no other in Australasia.

Become an agile leader

The BYCL builds professional leadership and entrepreneurial skills for anyone passionate about issues such as sustainability, human rights, social innovation, and humanitarian efforts. It will develop you as a resilient and agile leader in our changing world, qualified to lead yourself and others toward beneficial social change and well prepared to the future world of work. Not only that, you will have enormous flexibility to build a degree that reflects your areas of interest and prepares you to be the change you want to see in the world. You are the expert on what you should study!

Connect for change

UC is the ideal university to introduce such an innovative degree. After the 2011 earthquakes, our UC Student Volunteer Army gained international acclaim for their determined and inspiring work within the Christchurch community. Soon after, UC introduced the service-learning course CHCH101: Strengthening Communities through Social Innovation. Over a thousand students

have gained academic credit while offering over 25,000 hours of service to more than 50 community organisations and government agencies. The BYCL degree builds on this history. You will be learning alongside and working with leaders of social change. Alternatively, you can begin your journey of becoming a changemaker by enrolling in our Certificate in Youth and Community Leadership that will be available on campus or online through our virtual learning environment.

Make an impact

As a BYCL graduate you will be equipped for the world of the future. Some of you will create your own work through developing social enterprises; others of you will make your impact through working with established organisations in social policy, humanitarian work, community development, youth work, politics, advocacy and activism. Whereas once university might have seemed to have nothing to offer those who want to make a difference to the world, this qualification will mobilise that journey for you.

‘Our School is excited to premier this democratically-based, theoretically-informed and action-oriented degree, to young people as leaders and to established change-agents who wish to formalise their expertise. This degree foregrounds the transferable skills needed for the future of work: leadership, teamwork and digital literacy, bicultural competence, global awareness, and community engagement. At the same time, you can choose a minor from another discipline, thereby gaining specialist content skills to support your world-changing enterprise.’

Associate Professor Annelies Kamp

Head of School – School of Educational Studies and Leadership

The degree has a small set of core courses, including the heritage course, CHCH101: Strengthening Communities through Social Innovation. From there, you have the ability to design your own cross-discipline degree to match your career aspirations be that in Iwi or Pasifika concerns, activism or humanitarianism, social entrepreneurship, or youth work.

Recommended preparation

The programme is open to students from a range of interests or experience in leadership roles. No particular background study is required. A passion for social change, community work, and volunteering is desirable.

Degree structure

The BYCL requires a minimum total of 360 points:

- With at least 225 points at 200-level or above
- 150 points of compulsory courses in youth and community leadership
- 105 points of elective (optional) courses in a selected range of subjects
- Up to 105 points of courses from any Bachelor's degree at UC.

What courses can I choose?

All students will study the compulsory courses in Youth Leadership: Leading the Self (YACL101); Leading with Others (YACL201); Leading for Change (YACL301); and the Youth Leadership Project (YACL302).

Students focused on leading in iwi and Pasifika contexts will be drawn to select from the options in Māori and Indigenous Studies, Political Science and Te Reo. Students with an interest in making their own work through social entrepreneurship are encouraged to select from the options in Entrepreneurship, Marketing, and Media and Communication. If social activism is your passion and you wish to change the world, you may select the options from Cultural Studies, Political Science, and Sociology. For young people – and experienced practitioners – who want to work with youth, you may select the options from Education, Health and Human Services.

You will design your degree with compulsory courses, electives and independent course choices.

Combining with other qualifications

UC offers a minor in Youth and Community Leadership within the Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Commerce, Bachelor of Science, or Bachelor of Sport Coaching. If you wish to do a minor, make sure you select your optional courses to meet the minor requirements. The Bachelor of Youth and Community Leadership also combines well in a double degree with Arts or Commerce. Talk to a Student Advisor when planning your degree and courses.

Bachelor of Youth and Community Leadership– typical degree structure

Year 1

YACL 101	CHCH 101	EDUC 101 or EDUC 102 or POLS 103	100 Level				
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Year 2

YACL 201	EDUC 206	CULT 202 or EDUC 204 or INOV 290	200 Level	200 Level	200 Level	200 Level	100 or 200 Level
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Year 3

EDUC 302 or EDUC 339	YACL 301	YACL 302	300 Level	300 Level	200 or 300 Level	200 or 300 Level
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Compulsory courses
 Elective courses
 Courses from Arts or other degrees

Each small block represents a 15-point course. However, some courses may be 30 points (or more). For full course requirements, go to www.canterbury.ac.nz/regulations

Your elective courses at each year should be chosen to suit your interests and aspirations. Here are some suggested potential course combinations depending on your career pathway.

Make sure you talk to a Student Advisor when course planning. This will ensure that you are selecting the right combination of courses and meeting any prerequisites for advancing to 200-level and 300-level in any particular subject.

Activist pathway You aim to bring about political or social change in your community.	Humanitarian pathway You aim to enhance human wellbeing.
Compulsory courses: POLS103 Introduction to New Zealand Politics and Policy CULT202 Cultural Politics/ Cultural Activism EDUC339 Globalisation, Social Justice and Education Suggested courses: COMS101 Media and Society EDUC103 Education, Culture and Society SOCI112 Global Society COMS207 Social Media HSRV211 Community Development: Concepts, Practice and the Dynamics of Change COMS305 Media and Social Change or COMS320 Strategic Campaign Development	Compulsory courses: EDUC101 SPARK – How and What People Learn CULT202 Cultural Politics/ Cultural Activism EDUC339 Globalisation, Social Justice and Education Suggested courses: COMS101 Media and Society EDUC103 Education, Culture and Society HSRV104 Youth Realities POLS105 Comparing the Politics of Nations: A Global Introduction COMS207 Social Media POLS202 International Relations and Humanitarian Ideals SOCI363 Investigating Social Worlds
Social entrepreneur pathway You aim to innovate for community good	Youth development pathway You aim to use your leadership skills to support youth development.
Compulsory courses: EDUC101 SPARK – How and What People Learn INOV290 Enterprise in Practice EDUC339 Globalisation, Social Justice and Education Suggested courses: MGMT100 Fundamentals of Management MKTG100 Principles of Marketing TREO110 Conversational Māori for Absolute Beginners MGMT230 Business, Society and the Environment PACE295 Internship MGMT335 Business and Sustainability MGMT343 Social Entrepreneurship	Compulsory courses: EDUC102 Child and Adolescent Development EDUC204 Promoting Child and Adolescent Wellbeing and Health EDUC302 Researching Development: Opportunities and Risks in Adolescence Suggested courses: COMS104 Introduction to Strategic Communication EDUC103 Education, Culture and Society HSRV104 Youth Realities SOCI112 Global Society COMS207 Social Media HSRV211 Community Development COMS305 Media and Social Change

What can I do with a degree in Youth and Community Leadership?

The BYCL is designed for the future of work. Graduates will be equipped with the transferable skills and disciplinary knowledge to thrive in rapidly changing employment contexts.

Career Opportunities

Students will find work as community leaders, Iwi development advisors, community development officers, advocacy and youth workers, social entrepreneurs, policy advisors and researchers. Additional employers include the not-for-profit sector, community agencies, local government and humanitarian organisations and political parties. Many graduates will aim to be self-employed, applying their skills and knowledge to set up social enterprises.



‘One of the cool things about community engagement is that you encounter all different people from all different walks of life.

Take every opportunity that comes up. UC is world renowned for its community responsiveness, so take advantage of that! You might raise your hand on a whim and it could turn into a life changing experience. The more you get involved, the more likely it is that something amazing will come from it.’

‘Engaging with their communities provides individuals with opportunities for professional development of essential employability skills such as problem solving, communication and teamwork. Helping communities also provides students with a sense of personal identity in terms of competence, autonomy and relevance.’

Billy O’Steen

Associate Professor in Community Engagement and Director of the UC Community Engagement Hub
University of Canterbury

Sam Andrist

CHCH101 student
Bachelor of Commerce in Economics

Future pathways

- Community workers earn up to \$75K per annum (Source: Careers New Zealand)
- The not-for-profit sector comprises some 115,000 organisations; social enterprises employed a further 112,000 people in 2018. (Source: Research First)
- Careerforce estimates the youth work sector needs a further 730 staff, immediately. (Source: Research First)
- Social entrepreneurs interested in starting up their own business have access to the UC Centre for Entrepreneurship, and local business incubators and accelerators.

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