

# Bachelor of Science

## BSc

### Your Degree

SCIE 101	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
200	200	200	200	200	200	200	100 / 200
300	300	300	300	300	300	300	200 / 300

Each small block represents a 15-point course. Fill in the squares with other courses from your major and that you are taking throughout your degree. Unsure? Meet with your Kaitoko (first year) or Student Advisor (second year and beyond) to confirm your degree plan.

Major(s):

Minors:

### Your Time:

Time	Monday Mane	Tuesday Tūrei	Wednesday Wenerei	Thursday Tāite	Friday Paraire	Saturday Hātarei	Sunday Rātapu
8AM							
9AM							
10AM							
11AM							
12PM							
1PM							
2PM							
3PM							
4PM							
5PM							
6PM							
7PM							

Each 15 point course should use about 10 hours of your time – including lectures, labs and tutorials and self-directed study

# The Academic Year

The academic year is split into two semesters, with a two-week break in the middle. Each semester ends with a one-week study break, followed by two weeks for exams.

At 100 level, most courses are 15 points. At 200 and 300 level, course may be 15 or 30 points in the Faculty of Science, but the time commitment is the same; 15 points = 10 hours a week.

	Semester One	Semester Two
Year One	Four courses	Four courses
Year Two	Four courses	Four courses
Year Three	Four courses	Four courses

## What is a GPA?

GPA stands for Grade Point Average, and this is recorded on your internal transcript. You can view this in myUC. Each grade you receive has a corresponding numerical grade value assigned to it.

The GPA is based on an average which is calculated by multiplying each grade's value by the course's points to achieve a Grade Point Total, which is then divided by the total number of points taken.

## Grading Scale

Grade	GPA Value	Marks	Pass/Fail
A+	9	90 – 100	Pass
A	8	85 – 89.99	
A-	7	80 – 84.99	
B+	6	75 – 79.99	
B	5	70 – 74.99	
B-	4	65 – 69.99	
C+	3	60 – 64.99	
C	2	55 – 59.99	
C-	1	50 – 54.99	
D	0	40 – 49.99	Fail
E	-1	0 – 39.99	

## Non-numerical grades

Grade	GPA Value	Definition
P	n/a	Pass
F	n/a	Fail
S	n/a	Special Pass
R	1	Restricted Pass*
X	-3	Dishonesty

\* In a 100 or 200 level course. A restricted pass maybe granted. This is equivalent to a pass for all purposes except as a prerequisite.

Table contains undergraduate non numerical grades only.

## FAQs

### What is a major?

A major is the main subject area you will be studying during your Bachelor degree. Very likely, half or more of the papers you do at UC will be in your major.

### Can I minor in another subject?

Minors can be done in a science or non-science subject. In most cases it is easy to fit a minor into a degree plan with a single major. Minors typically involve doing five papers in the minor subject, but there can be additional stipulations.

### How long does it take to do a double major? Is it too hard?

If the degree is planned carefully, in most cases it takes three years to graduate with a double major - the same as a single major. The workload is also the same as doing a single major.

If you intend to do a double major, make sure to see your Kaitoko or Student Advisor at the beginning of each year to make sure you are on track with your degree plan.

### What other support is available to me?

There are many support services available on campus, whether you are looking to remedy a specific problem, or just see if you can do better in any area of your life. You can see the full list of support services under the "support services" tab in UC Home page.

Te Pataka in Puaka-James Hight (Central) Library has a range of representatives from services at UC or you can chat with your Kaitoko.

### What do I do if I am struggling with a course?

In the first instance, make sure that you are attending all lectures and course activities, and submit all assignments, even if you don't think you will do very well. You should talk to your course coordinator as soon as possible. Your lecturers are likely to have office hours you can take advantage of, some courses also have additional support available.

If you want to withdraw from the course or change to another paper please contact your Kaitoko in your first year or the Student Advisors in your second year and beyond.

## Have more questions?



Check out our full list of frequently asked questions, watch our video or find out what other students are asking on our website.

[www.canterbury.ac.nz/science/students](http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/science/students)

## About the BSc

SCIE 101 Science, Society and Me (is a compulsory course for all BSc students. Students should plan for more than one potential major subject. Students should check the 100-level requirements for their potential majors as some majors require more than two 100-level courses or enrolment in a complementary subject such as Mathematics. The Bachelor of Science requires a minimum total of 360 points:

- a compulsory 15-point Science course - SCIE101
- a minimum of 255 points of Science courses - seventeen 15 point courses
- the remaining 105 points can be from either Science courses or courses from other degrees.
  - seven 15 point courses

At least 225 points must be from courses above 100-level, with at least 90 points at 300-level.

## Bachelor of Science Majors

- Astronomy
- Biochemistry
- Biological Sciences
- Chemistry
- Computer Science
- Economics
- Environmental Science
- Finance
- Financial Engineering
- Geography
- Geology
- Linguistics
- Mathematics
- Medicinal Chemistry
- Philosophy
- Physics
- Psychology
- Statistics

For full course requirements go to the Regulations for the Bachelor of Science.

## Would you like to know more?

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**See the full list of Science Course Coordinators on our website.**