

Experiential Opportunities for Study Abroad Students

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Welcome to the University of Canterbury! As a UC Study Abroad student you'll have the chance to receive an excellent academic experience at New Zealand's second oldest university, with the South Island's breathtaking landscapes and unlimited outdoor adventure on your doorstep. UC offers a full semester abroad programme, with a comprehensive range of courses across Liberal Arts, Business, Education, Law, Science, Forestry and Engineering.

Beyond the Classroom

Keen to go beyond the classroom and get more out of your Study Abroad semester? At UC we want you to maximise your Study Abroad experience – you'll have access to a range of experiential opportunities designed to encourage you to really engage with the New Zealand community and get the kind of real experience you can use in the future. While taking a semester of courses in whichever subjects you choose, you'll also have the option to gain valuable real world experience and transferable skills through internships, field study, service learning, community engagement and more.

Choose from a range of experiential learning opportunities to experience a Kiwi semester to the full!

Cover photo: Brady Severt, UC Study Abroad student, on Roys Peak Track in Wanaka.



Internships

Boost your résumé and apply your analytical skills in **PACE 295 Internship**, a for-credit, real world internship course organised by UC's College of Arts.

Internship students work with a local New Zealand organization or business on a special project, under the supervision of a specialist lecturer. Work can be completed throughout the semester or during term breaks and each project has measurable milestones.

Past projects include:

- media and communications for major national companies,
- food sustainability and urban gardening,
- organising national charity events,
- presenting and co-producing on local radio,
- GIS mapping and environmental projects,
- health care and community wellbeing facilitation,
- film-making, social entrepreneurship and many more.

PACE 295 is worth 15 UC points (60 points is a standard semester load) and can be taken alongside your choice of semester courses. A 300 level version of the course worth 30 points is also available.

"I initially wanted to study in New Zealand because of the beautiful nature in the country. However, by the time I was about to come abroad I was most excited to examine the comparative differences in the New Zealand education system," says Indiana University Bloomington student Naomi Kellogg. Studying Public and Non-profit Management, Education Policy and Government in Indiana, Naomi's internship with the Office of the Chief Executive of the Christchurch City Council was an ideal way to gain insight into a different local government system.

"I got to learn about the local government system in Christchurch which gave me a unique perspective about the city, outside of the University. It was also a great experience to see the differences in work-life balance while working in another country".

One of the projects Naomi undertook for the Mayor's office involved examining the city's public arts policies. "The project working with public arts policies was meant to examine Christchurch's current policy, consider what other cities policies contained, and



Students undertaking an internship in film making and event management at the EPIC centre, through local organisation the Ministry of Awesome.

Enterprise in Practice

Gain hands-on experience working with a local business or a start-up venture in **INOV 290: Enterprise in Practice**, a for-credit course that provides you with a platform to apply your academic skills and knowledge to a practical project. You can work on your own start-up, team up with an existing student start-up or undertake a project for a local business or social enterprise.

The course is taught from and supported by the staff at the Centre for Entrepreneurship (UCE), which also offers mentoring, seminars and development bootcamps to students to encourage entrepreneurial discovery and experimentation.

make recommendations for the improvement of the current policy." The information Naomi gathered as part of the internship will be used to update existing policy, thereby having a lasting impact on the community.

Naomi found the support from the PACE 295 internship team invaluable. "They were extremely open to helping me find the perfect internship and provided support with internship course assignments". Perhaps most notable however were the opportunities the internship afforded for self-evaluation and the chance to really get to know her host city: "You can do things you're passionate about in a brand-new environment. This experience also gives you the chance to interact with more Kiwis. Along the way you can also learn about yourself through the PACE295 assignments that force you to examine your strengths, weaknesses, and goals."

Naomi Kellogg

Indiana University Bloomington



UC field trip – Photo by UC Study Abroad student Matthew Guiang

Service Learning and Community Engagement

As a UC student you'll have the opportunity to get a service learning experience like no other. **CHCH 101 Strengthening Communities through Social Innovation** is a for-credit course incorporating a service learning component. Building on the community spirit of the famous Student Volunteer Army, you'll complete up to 20 hours of hands on community service with academic content related to social innovation and volunteerism in the Christchurch community.

As well as providing you with a course experience not available anywhere else in the world, CHCH 101 is a great opportunity to get to know New Zealand students and community members.

Field study

With an extensive network of field stations, UC is an ideal option for students wishing to undertake Science field study. The South Island acts as a natural laboratory for hands-on scientific study, offering unparalleled access to New Zealand's unique flora and fauna, geology and marine life. UC operates several field stations around the South Island and many undergraduate Science courses include field study as a key course component.



Science field trip near Hanmer Springs – photo by Matthew Guiang

Get hands on with applied learning

UC's network of field stations and connections with local businesses and organizations mean that many of our standard semester courses include exciting off-campus experiences and applied learning. From a number of business courses featuring service learning, project work for companies or internships, to field trips in courses as diverse as Sport Coaching, Political Science and Maori Studies, over 35% of UC courses get students out into the workplace or the community.

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Jessica, who came to UC from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, enrolled in CHCH 101 while at UC and later applied her knowledge from the course to help support and provide supplies to her hometown in the USA after it was hit by an EF-4 tornado in 2014.

"CHCH 101 gave me the urgency and empowerment to do something to help my hometown when disaster struck. I walked away from CHCH101 a better person for many reasons. I fully understood the power young adults could have in their communities and in disaster relief efforts. I understood how to take my talents and passions and contribute them to a greater cause."

She later returned to Christchurch to share her volunteering and disaster relief efforts with the Community Engagement Summit.

"Returning to Christchurch to speak at the Community Engagement Summit really made my semester at UC come full circle. From taking CHCH 101 to starting my own volunteer efforts to then sharing my experience so others could be inspired was incredibly rewarding."

Jessica Weston
University of Illinois

UC Study Abroad at a glance



Internationally ranked

Established in 1873 by scholars of Oxford and Cambridge Universities, UC is in the world's top 1% of universities and offers world recognised programmes and facilities. These include an extensive network of field stations and over 40 recognised research centres, institutes and hubs. UC was also the first university in New Zealand to receive the prestigious QS 5-star ranking for overall excellence.

Innovative programmes

Over 100 different programmes are offered across 5 Colleges (Arts, Science, Engineering, Business and Law, and Education, Health and Human Development). Whatever your academic interests, UC has a broad selection of courses to choose from.

Vibrant student community

Students on campus have a choice of modern accommodation and access to all the amenities of a fully equipped student village. UC features a thriving student association plus over 130 student led clubs catering to a huge range of interests.

Gateway to outdoors

Located in Christchurch, the largest city in New Zealand's South Island, UC is on the doorstep of a huge outdoor "playground". The city's location on the East coast makes it a perfect environment for recreation – beautiful sandy beaches are close by and skiing and snowboarding can be found at five ski fields within 90 minutes of the city. Christchurch is also a gateway to some of the

South Island's most breathtaking landscapes, from mountains and glaciers to rainforests and beaches.

Challenge yourself

The South Island is known as the adventure capital of the world. If you love an adrenaline rush, you'll find plenty of thrill-seeking activities on offer, including bungy jumping, white water rafting, jet boating and skiing.

Photo in the Nelson Lakes region by Chris Calhoun, UC Exchange student

More Information

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