

Bridging Programmes
Continuing and Bridging Education

English Language & Foundation Studies



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Welcome from the Vice-Chancellor



I am delighted that you are exploring what the University of Canterbury has to offer international students. I believe as a study destination our combination of world-recognised academic programmes and research, wonderful natural environment, and safe friendly community has few equals anywhere in the world.

To prepare students for undergraduate and postgraduate study at the University of Canterbury we offer academic English language programmes and a Foundation Studies programme. The classes of these programmes are taught by extremely well qualified staff and are held on the University campus – often in or next to the same lecture rooms that students will later use when studying for their degree.

We host students from many countries and encourage them to enjoy not only their time at the University, but also the many cultural and recreational opportunities here in Christchurch – New Zealand's Garden City.

The University of Canterbury is committed to providing a supportive environment for all students. We offer excellent amenities and advisory services.

On behalf of all staff and students, I welcome you to Canterbury and its University.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rod Carr".

Dr Rod Carr
Vice-Chancellor



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University of Canterbury



Aerial view of the campus

The University of Canterbury has an international reputation for academic excellence.

Founded in 1873 by scholars from Oxford and Cambridge, the University is known worldwide for its research and teaching quality.

We have been hosting international students for almost 50 years, and graduates of the University are now leaders in business and in society in many countries in Asia, the Pacific, and in Europe. Currently there are over 2000 international students from more than 70 countries enrolled in a wide variety of programmes. This makes for a lively, interesting and cosmopolitan campus community.

Full details of degree courses can be found on the main University website: www.canterbury.ac.nz

Reputation

The University of Canterbury is an internationally recognised university with strong international

linkages and a reputation for academic excellence in teaching and research.

All academic staff are involved in research and publication in their respective subject areas. Undergraduate students can expect to be taught by lecturers regarded in their fields as world experts.

The University's research-informed teaching programme aims at fostering intellectual independence, critical thinking and professional excellence.

Academic programmes

The University offers degrees in Arts (Humanities and Social Sciences), Commerce (Business and Economics), Education, Engineering, Fine Arts, Forestry, Law, Music, Science, Social Work, Speech and Language Therapy, Sport Coaching, and Teaching and Learning.

The University offers undergraduate and postgraduate study to Masters and PhD level in every discipline.

Location

The University is situated in Christchurch, the largest city in New Zealand's South Island, lying on the coastal edge of the Canterbury Plains close to both the sea and the mountains. It has excellent beaches, plentiful parks and golf courses and there is easy access to outdoor activities such as camping, fishing and skiing.

The University's spacious campus is within easy reach of the international airport and the commercial centre of Christchurch.

New Zealand is a politically stable English speaking country with a European and Māori heritage, enriched by new citizens and permanent residents from all parts of the world. New Zealanders are forward-looking and adventurous and the country is at the cutting edge of change and development in many fields. New Zealand's natural beauty and unspoiled environment are unique and its cultural environment for students is safe, stable and friendly.

English Language programme

The University's English language programme prepares students for study at Foundation, undergraduate and postgraduate degree level. It is also designed for people who wish to study English in an academic environment in order to improve their employment prospects and ability to communicate complex idea and theories in English.

Our courses are taught by well qualified, experienced teachers who use the latest teaching methods. Classes are small and students have access to computer labs, language labs and libraries while they study.

Pathway to degree

To meet the English language entry requirements for university students can take a direct pathway into Foundation and most degree programmes (provided they meet the academic entry requirements). Students do not need to sit

external language tests before they study with us. When students arrive on campus they are tested and placed in the level that best suits their ability. From there they can progress through the English language levels until they qualify for entry to their chosen programme.

Our programmes

General English

General English is offered on the University of Canterbury campus through the University's partner CCEL (Christchurch College of English Limited). Students who need to improve their general English can study here before moving on to EAP1. University staff regularly visit CCEL to test students and monitor their progress.

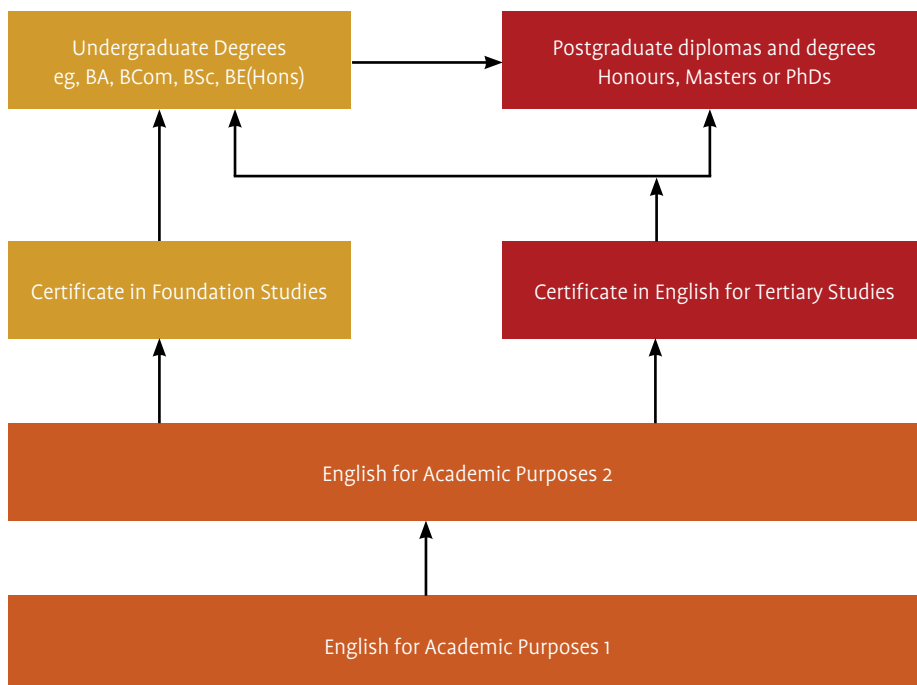
English for Academic Purposes 1 (EAP1)

English for Academic Purposes 2 (EAP2)

These courses teach students to communicate with accuracy and complete complex academic tasks. Each course comprises two seven-week terms although exceptional students may move up to the next level in just seven weeks.

Once students have completed EAP2 they are well prepared to enter either the Certificate in English for Tertiary Studies or the Certificate in Foundation Studies*.

*Note: students wishing to enter the Certificate in Foundation Studies must also meet its academic entry requirements. See page 10 for details.



Certificate in English for Tertiary Studies (CertETS)

CertETS is a 26-week programme designed for students who meet the academic entry requirements for undergraduate and postgraduate study but do not meet the English language requirements. The programme satisfies the English language requirements for most undergraduate and postgraduate programmes offered by the University of Canterbury and other New Zealand universities.

On completion of CertETS, students will have increased their English language proficiency, study skills and understanding of a western analytical approach to study.

Note: students should always check if there are additional English language entry requirements for the qualification they wish to undertake whether they plan to study at the University of Canterbury or another New Zealand university.

Programme structure

All students take the same course (BRDG001) for the first module.

In the second module, students take one of the following:

- BRDG002 is for students planning to study towards their first university degree.
- BRDG003 is for students who already have a degree and are planning to do postgraduate study.

Course Objectives

On successful completion of CertETS, students will have acquired the English language and academic skills necessary to succeed in university study including the ability to:

- Write researched and referenced academic essays and reports;
- Locate, select and use reference materials from a variety of academic, technical and industrial sources – both hard copy and electronic;
- Understand university lectures, take efficient notes and use them effectively;
- Participate fully in tutorial and workshop discussions;
- Present materials effectively in seminar situations;
- Undertake examinations in both open-book and closed-book conditions;
- Use English language journal publications related to their future studies.

Entry requirements

Undergraduate stream:

- IELTS 5.5 (Academic module) with no score below 5.0; or
- TOEFL paper based 520 and TWE 4.0; or
- TOEFL internet based 68, with both listening and reading no less than 17 and writing no less than 12; or
- Successful completion of our EAP2 course; or
- A pass in the Bridging Programmes English language entry test.

Postgraduate stream:

- IELTS 6.0 (Academic module) with no score below 5.5; or
- TOEFL paper based 550 and TWE 4.5; or
- TOEFL internet based 80, with no less than 19 for listening, reading and writing; or
- Successful completion of our EAP2 course with an overall B grade; or
- A pass in the Bridging Programmes English language entry test.



Koravee Suppanaruek

Nationality: Thai

Now studying: English for Academic Purposes 2

Koravee fell in love with New Zealand when he studied at a high school in Dunedin for two and a half months six years ago. "I was attracted to the lifestyle here. The atmosphere is very friendly and relaxed-people even say 'hello' to you when you are walking down the street. It is very different to Bangkok!"

Koravee returned to New Zealand last year to study at a private language school in Christchurch. "Once I returned to Thailand I knew I wanted to come back to Christchurch to undertake my bachelor's degree in Economics. UC has a very strong College of Business and Economics which is why I chose to study here", he says.

In order to achieve his goal, Koravee is currently studying academic English on the EAP2 course and once he completes this he will join the Business stream of the Foundation Studies programme. He realises that he could not achieve this goal without the support of his teachers: "My teachers are very friendly and always make me feel welcome. They stop to chat with me outside of class and are always willing to help me out".



Denise Villarreal

Nationality: Mexican

*Completed: Certificate in English for Tertiary Studies – postgraduate stream
Now working at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Christchurch*

Denise was studying French and Linguistics at university in her home country of Mexico before she decided to study English in New Zealand. Denise chose to join the postgraduate stream of the Certificate in English for Tertiary Studies as she plans to study at Masters and PhD level in English in the future.

With her passion for language, the course was perfect for Denise: "I love learning languages

and the study of grammar such as phonetics and semantics. I enjoy learning new subjects, composing assignments and essays and being around people from different cultures. After I complete my postgraduate study in the future, I would love to work as a translator of literature, but I am also interested in teaching."

Denise thought the course provided ideal preparation for university study. "I learnt a lot during the course. I improved my academic English and I learnt a lot of new skills. I love the environment at Canterbury as it is very friendly and the facilities are great. Also the teachers are always happy to help you and they are very supportive and motivated."

Fees

All fees are payable in advance. Tuition fees for 2010 (including government taxes) are:

English language courses:

EAP1 and EAP2

International students: NZ\$410 per week

Domestic students: NZ\$180 per week

Certificate in English for Tertiary Studies

International students: NZ\$12,300

Domestic students: NZ\$4,950

Fees are subject to University review and may change. For up-to-date fee information, details of additional compulsory and optional fees and 2011 fees (when they are available) please visit: www.cbe.canterbury.ac.nz/bridging/

Enrolment fees, policies and regulations (including refund policies) for the Certificate in English for Tertiary Studies are detailed in the University Calendar. An electronic copy can be found at www.canterbury.ac.nz/acad/calendar/

Conditions and regulations (including refund policies) for other English courses are detailed on the application form. An electronic copy can be found at www.cbe.canterbury.ac.nz/bridging/

Enrolment limits

The number of places available on each programme is limited. While every effort is made to give students the start date they want, if the programme becomes full before payment is received, the University of Canterbury reserves the right to defer start dates.

Start dates

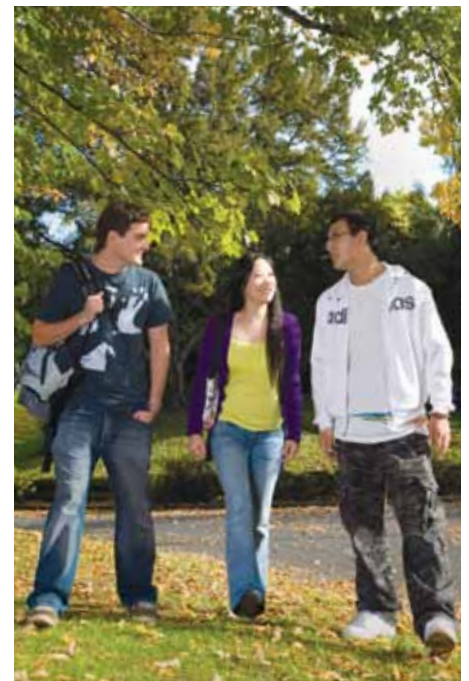
Certificate in English for Tertiary Studies

- 15 February 2010 to 24 September 2010
- 14 June 2010 to 28 January 2011
- 11 October 2010 to 27 May 2011

EAP1 and EAP2:

- 15 February 2010
- 12 April 2010
- 14 June 2010
- 09 August 2010
- 04 October 2010
- 29 November 2010

EAP1 and EAP2 each take 14 weeks to complete; the minimum enrolment period for each course is 7 weeks. The intake dates include orientation week, which all students are required to attend. Classes start the week following orientation.



Certificate in Foundation Studies

The Foundation Studies programme assists students from diverse educational backgrounds to meet the basic entry requirements for undergraduate study at New Zealand universities.

The Foundation Studies programme has two aspects:

- English language and study skills;
- Academic preparation for degree level studies in the Arts (Humanities and Social Science), Commerce, Engineering, Law and Science.

Students who successfully complete the two semester programme will be awarded the Certificate in Foundation Studies, which is accepted as an entry qualification for the University of Canterbury and other New Zealand universities.

Foundation Studies provides excellent preparation for undergraduate study – students who have enrolled in degree programmes at Canterbury after completing Foundation Studies do very well in their studies.

Note: students should always check if there are additional English language entry requirements for the qualification they wish to undertake whether they plan to study at the University of Canterbury or another New Zealand university.

Our Foundation Studies programme offers:

More choice

To allow the best possible preparation for their degree studies, students can choose from a range of subjects – we offer courses in Social Sciences, Humanities, Physical Sciences, Biological Sciences and Business.

More flexibility

The Programme is divided into two sections, each with three start dates per year (February, June and October).

Opportunity to fast track

Students who demonstrate academic excellence in a subject may be permitted to study degree courses as part of their Foundation Studies programme.

Opportunity to study with New Zealand students

Students may choose courses that are offered to New Zealand students who are also studying within Bridging Programmes.

Excellent preparation for degree study

On completion of the Certificate in Foundation Studies students will possess the language and study skills necessary for their degree programme, specifically:

- Skills necessary to participate actively and effectively in lectures and tutorials, including note-taking and working in groups;
- Well developed study and time-management skills;



Tomonori Shibata

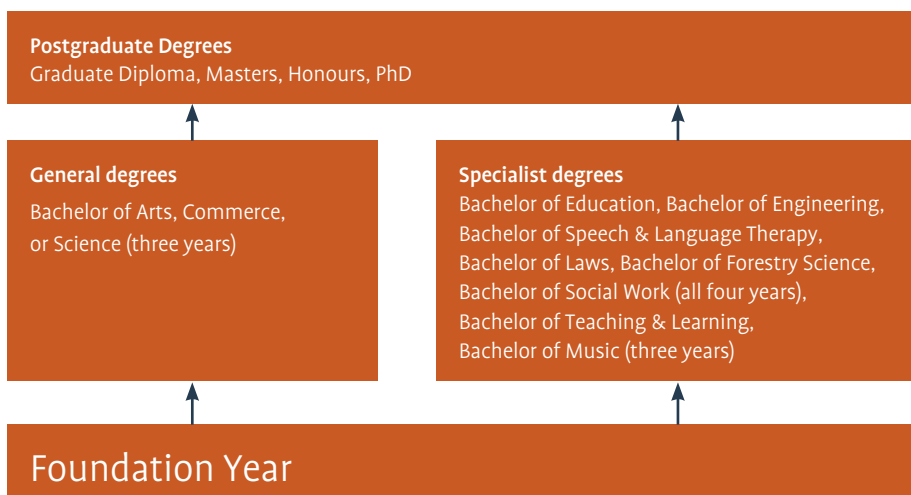
Nationality: Japanese

Completed: Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy and Foundation Studies – Arts stream

Tomo was taught by an English teacher from New Zealand as a high school student in Nagoya, Japan which is why he chose to study at UC. He has now just completed his Bachelor of Arts degree and is hoping to find a job in New Zealand, ideally in a library as he plans to undertake further study in Library Science in the future.

Tomo majored in Philosophy at UC. While studying here he found “that most of the students around me studied hard, which kept me going, too. Facilities like the Library Help Desk, Learning Skills Centre, Career and Employment and International Student Support were really close and user-friendly. Teachers encouraged me to develop my independent research and the library had the facilities and materials for me to pursue them.”

Prior to undertaking his Bachelor of Arts, Tomo undertook the Arts stream of Foundation Studies which prepared him well for his degree. Tomo credits UC’s teaching staff for his success: “The lecturers I had were sympathetic and well aware of my English ability as a second language. They respected my ethnicity by referring to relevant examples found in Japan and helped me improve my English by pointing out my grammar errors in essays and suggesting better ways of expressing things.”



	Feb	Jun	Oct Nov	Feb	Jul
Pathway 1	Foundation Studies _{S1}	Foundation Studies _{S2}	Summer School**	Undergraduate Degree	
Pathway 2	* English Language	Foundation Studies _{S1}	Foundation Studies _{S2}	Undergraduate Degree	
Pathway 3	* English Language		Foundation Studies _{S1}	Foundation Studies _{S2}	Undergraduate Degree

S1 = Semester One, S2 = Semester Two

* Note: the amount of English language study required will depend on a student's English language background.

Students who already satisfy Foundation English language entry requirements may enter Foundation directly.

** Summer school period: During the summer session, you will be able to take courses that you can credit towards your degree.

- An understanding of lecturers' expectations regarding written assignments and referencing;
- An introduction to subjects in their chosen academic fields.

They will also:

- Be aware of the range of services and facilities offered by the wider University;
- Have had the opportunity to interact academically and socially with staff and students from different cultures.

Entry requirements

To be admitted to the Certificate in Foundation Studies programme, students must meet the following standards:

Academic

Students must have a level of education equivalent to New Zealand Year 12. If they choose the Science option, they should have a good background in the relevant science subjects. Also it should be noted that all students entering degree level programmes must have a level of proficiency in mathematics equivalent to NCEA level one in the New Zealand system. In cases where their Mathematics level is lower than level one, they will be required to study the Statistics: Data and Probability course as part of their Foundation Studies programme. See page 10 for a list of academic entry requirements from different countries.

English Language

Students choosing the Business or Science stream must satisfy one of the following:

- IELTS 5.5 (Academic module) with no score below 5.0; or

- TOEFL paper based 520 and TWE 4.0; or
- TOEFL internet-based 68, with both listening and reading no less than 17 and writing no less than 12; or
- Successful completion of our EAP2 course.

Students choosing the Arts stream must satisfy one of the following:

- IELTS 6.0 (Academic module) with no score below 6.0; or
- TOEFL paper based 550 and TWE 4.5; or
- TOEFL internet based 80, with no less than 19 for listening, reading and writing; or
- Successful completion of our EAP2 course with an overall B grade.

Fees

All fees are payable in advance. Tuition fees for 2010 (including government taxes) are:

International students: NZ\$18,200

Domestic students: NZ\$4,170

Fees are subject to University review and may change. For up-to-date fee information, details of additional compulsory and optional fees and 2011 fees (when they are available) please visit: www.cbe.canterbury.ac.nz/bridging/

Intake dates

- 15 February 2010 to 24 September 2010
- 14 June 2010 to 28 January 2011
- 11 October 2010 to 27 May 2011

The intake dates include orientation week, which all students are required to attend. Classes start the week following orientation.



Nishanti Selvaraj

Nationality: Malaysian

Now studying: Foundation Studies – Biological Science stream

Nisha has a big decision to make - whether to follow her passion for Law or Medicine. She knows she wants to undertake a degree in one of these subjects but isn't sure which one just yet. "I am interested in both professions so I have chosen to undertake the Biological Sciences stream of Foundation Studies while I make up my mind. UC has one of the best Schools of Law in the country but if I decide to study Medicine, I will study at the University of Otago instead".

Nisha had visited New Zealand twice on holiday with her family and even studied for one year at a high school in Christchurch, before deciding to pursue her tertiary education here. Her love of New Zealand's clean environment, relaxed lifestyle and good education system helped her make this decision. "It's such an easy place to live and study. My family fell in love with New Zealand on our first holiday here- we enjoyed it so much that we even brought our relatives on holiday here too."

Nisha is enjoying her studies and enjoys the close relationship she has with her teachers. "In Malaysia there is a big divide between teachers and students whereas here teachers take their students seriously. They treat every question as important, even if it is a silly one."

Academic entry requirements

Country of Education	Qualification	Minimum Standard
Bangladesh	Higher Secondary Certificate	60% average (B grade or division one)
Brazil	Certificado Conclusao de 2 Grau	Grade 7 average
China	Graduation from an Academic High School Year 11	Year 12: 80% in 3 subjects excluding English, Chinese, Politics. Superior grades
Fiji	School Leaving Certificate, Form 6	65% in 4 subjects
Hong Kong	HKCEE	Grade D in 4 subjects
India	Higher Secondary School Certificate (10+2)	D (50%) or better in 4 subjects
Indonesia	SMU3	Average of grade 7 or more
Japan	General Upper Secondary School, Year 3	Grade 3 average
Jordan	General Secondary Education Certificate	75% in 4 subjects
Kenya	Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education	5 C+ grades or better
Korea	Senior High School, Year 3	70% ('mi') in 3 academic subjects
Malaysia	SPM (or forecast results) UEC	Grade 4 or less over 5 subjects Grade 6 or less over 5 subjects
Myanmar	High School Certificate	70% in 2 academic subjects and 55% in 3 rd subject
New Zealand	NCEA	Each candidate will be considered on their own merit. 12 credits at level 3 in each of two relevant subjects or very good grades at level 2. English language entry criteria will also apply. Please contact us for details.
Nigeria	Nigerian Senior School Certificate	Grade 4 or less in 5 subjects
Oman	General Secondary School Certificate	75% in 3 subjects
Pakistan	Higher Secondary or Intermediate Certificate	60% (B) in 3 subjects
Papua New Guinea	Higher School Certificate	High marks in 4 subjects
Philippines	Secondary School	Year 4, grade B
Russia	Certificate of Secondary Education (Certificate of Maturity)	Grade 4 or higher in 3 academic subjects
Saudi Arabia	General Secondary Education Certificate	'Very good' grades (80%) in 3 academic subjects
Singapore	GCE O-level	Grade C or above in 5 subjects
Sri Lanka	GCE O-level	Credit grade in 5 subjects
Taiwan	Senior High School, Year 3	Grade B (70%)
Thailand	Matayom 5 Matayom 6	Superior grades Average grade of 2.5
Vietnam	High School completion	Grade 7 average
International	International Baccalaureate	Aggregate 21 in 6 subjects (average 3.5 on 1-7 scale)

Note: If your country is not listed, please inquire for further details

Foundation Studies courses

Subject stream options

When applying to the Foundation Studies programme, students must choose one subject stream which leads into the following options:

The Business stream is designed for students who wish to major in:

Accountancy, Finance, Information Systems, Computer Science, Economics, Management which includes Human Resource Management, Marketing and Strategic Management and Management Science which includes Operations Management and Operations Research.

The Biological Science stream is designed for students who wish to major in:

Biochemistry, Biological Sciences, Chemistry, Forestry, Geography, Geology, Psychology and Statistics.

The Physical Science stream is designed for students who wish to major in:

Astronomy, Chemistry, Physics, Computer Science, Electronics, Mathematics, Statistics, and the Engineering majors: Chemical and Process, Civil, Computer, Electrical and Electronic, Forest, Mechanical, Mechatronics and Natural Resources (Engineering students normally complete an Intermediate year and then seek entry to the School of Engineering).

The Arts stream is designed for students who wish to major in:

American Studies, History, Cultural Studies, Education, Geography, Gender Studies, Linguistics, Law, Mass Communication, Political Science, Psychology, Social Work and Sociology.

To qualify for the award of the Certificate a student must complete oral, practical, written and other work required as part of the programme, gain credit for the compulsory subjects and achieve an average grade of C or better across the full programme.

Structure of the Certificate in Foundation Studies

The Certificate in Foundation Studies consists of two 13-week semesters

Semester One

Compulsory subject	Subject streams	Electives
English Language	The World of Science	Mathematics Level 1 or 2
	The World of Business	Statistics: Data and Probability
	Introduction to the Humanities and Social Sciences	CUP** Electives Literary Studies – Writers and Contexts Individuals in Society Statistics The Treaty of Waitangi Pacific Peoples and Cultures Mathematics Film Studies Environmental Studies History: Understanding the 1960s
		Special Topic*

Semester Two

Compulsory subject	Electives	
Academic Communication	Physics	CUP** Electives Literary Studies – Writers and Contexts Individuals in Society Statistics The Treaty of Waitangi Pacific Peoples and Cultures Mathematics Film Studies Environmental Studies History: Understanding the 1960s
	Chemistry	
	Biology	
	Accounting	
	Economics	
	Strategic Management and Marketing	
	Mathematics Level 1 or 2	
	Statistics: Data and Probability	

Semester One: Compulsory subject and choose 1 subject and 1 elective.

Semester Two: Compulsory subject and choose 3 electives.

***Special Topic:** This could include subjects such as Education, Law and Music.

****CUP** = Certificate in University Preparation

Note: Not all CUP electives are available every semester. See the website or ask the department for specific information on elective availability.

How to apply for entry

Students can apply online or download the various application forms at www.cbe.canterbury.ac.nz/bridging

Foundation Studies and English Language

Students must include with their application form:

- A copy of the pages of their passport that show their official name, date of birth and citizenship.

Foundation Studies

Students must include with their application form:

- A certified/notarised true copy of their high school examination results and qualifications.

For the IELTS or TOEFL test, students must ask the testing centre to send the results directly to the University of Canterbury. For TOEFL, our institution code is 9482. Students still waiting to complete the English language requirements will receive an offer that is conditional upon meeting the language requirements.

When the application is approved, the International Office will send students an 'Offer of Place' or 'Letter of Acceptance' which advises them of their tuition and insurance fees and, if required, an invoice for homestay accommodation.



Applying for a student visa

Students need a student visa if they plan to study for more than 12 weeks. This form is available from New Zealand Embassies in their country, from their education agent, or direct from Immigration New Zealand – check their web site (www.immigration.govt.nz) for details.

Some countries allow students to gain an 'Acceptance in Principle' from Immigration New Zealand (students should check with their Immigration New Zealand Office to find out what countries operate an 'Acceptance in Principle' system).

With the application for a visa students need to include:

- 'Offer of Place'/'Letter of Acceptance' and receipt;
- Guarantee of accommodation (included in their offer/acceptance letter);
- Evidence that they have sufficient funds to live in New Zealand;
- Passport photograph;
- Students from some countries will require health and character checks. Forms are available from NZ Embassies.



Eunice Wang Nationality: Singaporean

Foundation Studies – Business stream

Eunice's passion for Management developed while at high school in Singapore. After high school, Eunice studied Business at a college in Singapore and even worked for a while in accounts and administration. "When I decided I wanted to study overseas, I knew I wanted to complete a degree in Management so UC's Bachelor of Commerce was the perfect qualification for me."

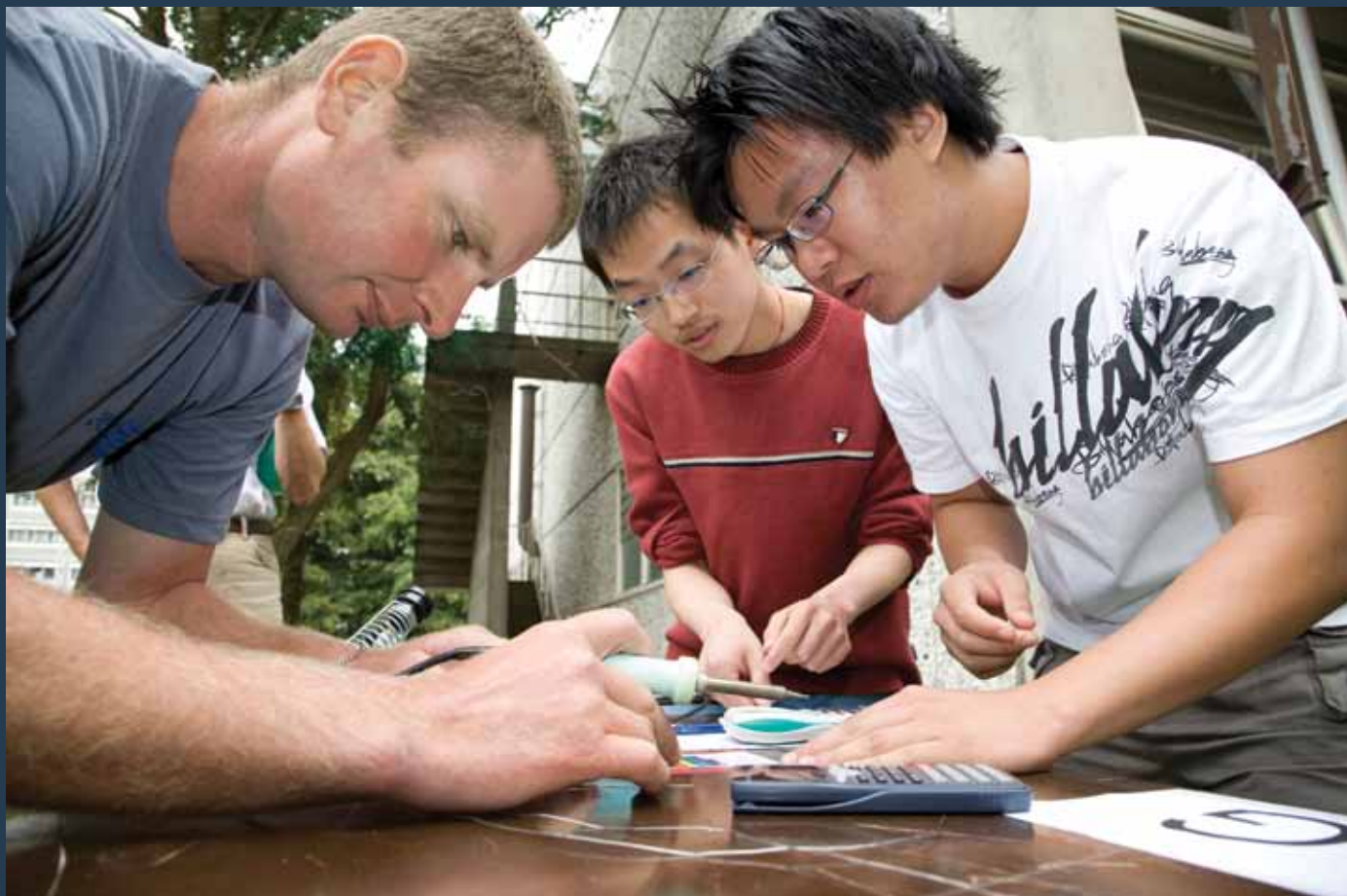
Eunice is currently undertaking the Business stream of Foundation Studies and will start her undergraduate degree next year. She is enjoying her studies and feels her workload is much more manageable than it was when she studied in Singapore, mainly because of the support of her teachers: "I was very busy and under a lot

of pressure all the time. Here my workload is much more manageable as it is spread over two semesters and I have lots of help and guidance from my teachers. My stress levels are much lower now."

Although Eunice is enjoying living here, she sometimes misses the hustle and bustle of Singapore: "I do miss the shopping in Singapore but Christchurch is a great place to study. I haven't had a chance to look around much as I only arrive two months ago however I am looking forward to summer so I can get involved in some water sports."

After she completes her studies Eunice plans to get some work experience in New Zealand before moving back to Singapore. With her passion for Management and her UC qualification, Eunice is sure to succeed.

Help and support for students



Orientation programme

In the week before classes start we run an orientation programme that introduces students to Bridging Programmes at the University of Canterbury. As beginning a new course in a new country can be challenging and sometimes intimidating, we would therefore like to give advice and information, introduce important people and answer some of the many questions students may have. Orientation is compulsory for all international students and is crucial for New Zealand permanent residents and NZ citizens. We would strongly advise all students to come to orientation as it is a chance to get to know the other students on their course. Friendships made during orientation may last for many years.

During orientation we will cover the following:

- Course advice and help with choosing the right subjects;
- An explanation of the University's rules, policies, and expectations;

- A tour of the University and the facilities students can use;
- Advice on good study habits;
- A tour of Christchurch;
- New Zealand Law, and student rights in New Zealand;
- Advice on the emotional experience of studying overseas;
- Advice on transport and accommodation;
- Health information.

Student advisor

We have a full time experienced student advisor who is available to all our students. We have an open-door policy, so students can visit the student advisor whenever they have any questions. While the advisor offers confidential advice and counselling on any topic or dilemma, there are some issues that should be referred on to more specialised people, and they can help students through this process.

The student advisor can also arrange for students to meet with advisors who speak their native language should they wish to express themselves in their own language.

Activities co-ordinator

We have a activities co-ordinator who organises sporting and cultural activities for our English language students. We actively encourage all students to take part so they can practise their English and make new friends while taking part in fun activities and learning about Christchurch.

Academic reports

Students receive regular academic reports and academic counselling. If their tuition fees are paid by a sponsor (e.g. parents or an employer), we will email reports to them regularly. The report shows academic progress and attendance record.

General information

Accommodation

Christchurch is New Zealand's most affordable major city and offers a variety of accommodation options. These include:

- Homestay (private board)
- Halls of residence – both catered (meals provided) and self-catered (meals not provided)
- Private renting in houses or flats (apartments)

The Accommodation Office can help students find the best option but they should apply for accommodation as early as possible to have the best chance of securing their choice of accommodation.

Homestay

We strongly recommend that English Language students live in homestay accommodation. Experience has shown us that students who live in a homestay are more likely to succeed in their study. Their English language proficiency improves more quickly, and they feel more at home through making friends with New Zealanders.

Homestays are available throughout Christchurch in a variety of homes offering a wide range of living situations, from families with children to single people living by themselves. Homestay accommodation is suitable for individual students (not students with families). The Accommodation Office uses two homestay agents to place students and homestays arranged through these agents have been strictly checked and monitored in accordance with the Code of Practice for the Pastoral Care of International Students. The homestay agent manages the board payments and remains the liaison person for student and host for the duration of the student's stay in the home.

Homestay accommodation costs in the region of NZ\$210-230 per week per student, plus an initial placement fee. Homestay students will be provided with three meals per day, a furnished (and adequately heated) room, and local phone calls. Further details can be found at www.canterbury.ac.nz/accom/homestay.shtml

Halls of residence

The University has six halls of residence, all located on campus. Living in a hall of residence

is a great way for students to make friends with New Zealanders and international students from all over the world. A variety of social events are organised throughout the year and the facilities are excellent.

Each hall of residence has standard contract durations, so it will depend on when students arrive will be arriving to study as to whether there will be rooms available. Visit www.canterbury.ac.nz/accom/halls for more information about each of the University's halls of residence, including their contract dates and details on how to apply.

Private renting

When students have grown accustomed to life in New Zealand, some choose to move into private flats (apartments) on a cost-sharing basis. The approximate cost of this will be upwards of NZ\$100 per week (depending on the number of people sharing the flat), plus food and utilities (electricity, phone etc). Private rental properties are not assessed for their suitability.

There are many factors to consider if students rent privately. Before choosing this type of accommodation, please read the details in the Accommodation Guide and the website at www.canterbury.ac.nz/accom/flatting/index.shtml carefully beforehand.

For more information on these accommodation options, obtain a copy of the Accommodation Guide or visit www.canterbury.ac.nz/accom/international/index.shtml

Airport pickup service

The University can arrange an airport pick up service for students arriving in New Zealand for the first time and intending to study at the University for at least four months. This must be booked in advance, please see www.canterbury.ac.nz/accom/international/index.shtml for more details.

Living expenses

Living expenses will vary depending upon accommodation and lifestyle choices, and on the overall length of studies. Average living expenses (not including tuition fees, insurance or airfares) will be in the range of NZ\$300 to NZ\$350 per week.

Immigration

Full details of visa and permit requirements, advice on rights to employment in New Zealand while studying, and reporting requirements are available through Immigration New Zealand and can be viewed on their website at www.immigration.govt.nz

Code of Practice

The University of Canterbury has agreed to observe and be bound by the *Code of Practice for the Pastoral Care of International Students* published by the Ministry of Education. Copies of the Code are available to download from the New Zealand Ministry of Education website at www.minedu.govt.nz/educationsectors/internationaleducation

Medical and travel insurance


International students must have appropriate and current medical and travel insurance while studying in New Zealand. This is a requirement of the New Zealand Government. Before they enrol at the University of Canterbury, all international students must have a University-approved policy. Further information on travel and medical insurance is available at www.canterbury.ac.nz/intstud/insurance/

Eligibility for health services

Most international students are not entitled to publicly funded health services while in New Zealand. If they receive medical treatment during their visit, they may be liable for the full costs of that treatment. Full details on entitlements to publicly funded health services are available through the Ministry of Health, and can be viewed on their website at www.moh.govt.nz

Accident insurance

The Accident Compensation Corporation provides accident insurance for all New Zealand citizens, residents and temporary visitors to New Zealand, but students may still be liable for all other medical and related costs. Further information can be viewed on the ACC website at www.acc.co.nz



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