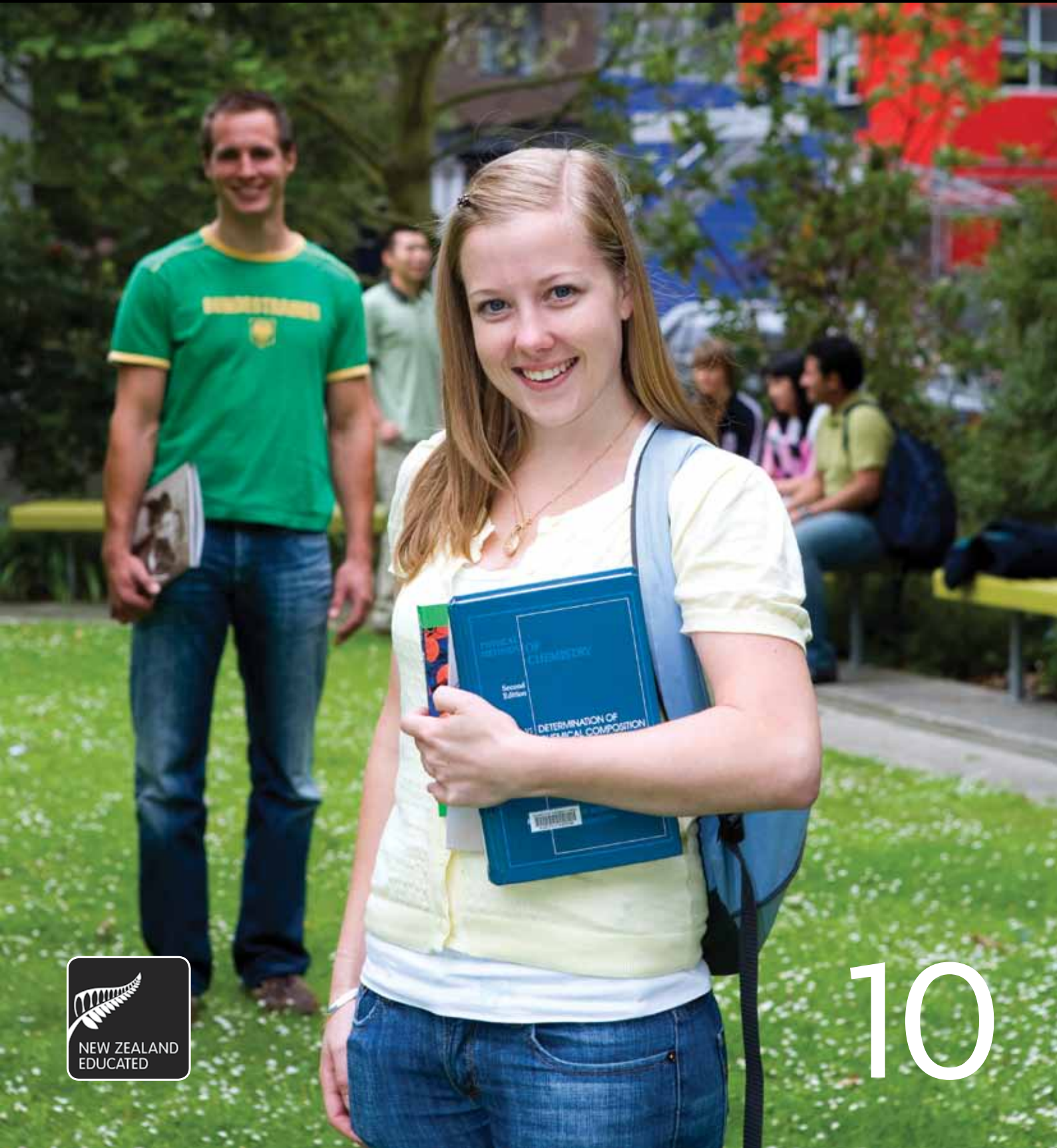


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Welcome



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

The overwhelmingly warm response we get from past international graduates, many of them now leaders in business and in the community in their home countries, is ample testimony to the quality of our teaching and the value of our first degree programmes.

The calibre of our research, especially at postgraduate level, is another factor that brings many international students to Canterbury.

Whether you are an undergraduate seeking an initial qualification to equip you for the future, or a postgraduate wanting to push the boundaries of knowledge in your discipline, I am sure you will find what you need among our programmes.

*Dr Rod Carr
Vice-Chancellor*



Aerial view of campus.

About the University of Canterbury

The University

The University of Canterbury, established in 1873 by scholars of Oxford and Cambridge, has gained an international reputation for academic excellence in teaching and research. Its first (undergraduate) and higher (postgraduate) programmes are well recognised worldwide, and aim to foster intellectual independence, critical thinking, and professional excellence in every field.

The University's teaching programmes are research based. Academic staff are expected to be involved in research and publishing in their areas of speciality. As a result, even undergraduate students can expect to be taught by lecturers who are at the forefront of knowledge in their field. Teaching and supervision up to PhD level is available in every discipline.

The University has links of many kinds with key universities internationally. These include staff and student exchange programmes, research collaboration and articulation agreements. In addition to normal staff development programmes, Canterbury has a special endowment, the Erskine Fellowship, which makes it possible for staff from prestigious universities overseas to visit and teach at Canterbury. The University has around 70 such visitors a year, giving a further significant enrichment to our teaching programmes.

The University offers programmes in Arts (Humanities and Social Sciences) Commerce (Business and Economics), Education (including teaching), Engineering, Fine Arts, Forestry, Law, Music, Science, Social Work, Speech and Language Therapy and Sport Coaching. The University community currently comprises 17,000 students and an academic staff of 850.

International Students

The University of Canterbury has been host to thousands of international students over a period of more than 40 years. Currently there are over 2000 international students from more than 70 countries enrolled in a wide variety of programmes. In addition, many New Zealand permanent residents of international origin attend Canterbury. This makes for a lively, interesting and cosmopolitan campus community.

Student Services

International students are provided with a wide range of services.

- **The International Student Support (ISS) team** provides caring and friendly support to all international students on campus. Whether you need help with your visa or student permit, academic work, health matters, accommodation, personal or even legal problems, or just practical advice about living and studying here, the ISS team will be able to help and advise you.
- ISS also run the international orientation programmes at the beginning of the first and second semesters.
- **The Students' Association (UCSA)** coordinates a wide range of clubs and special activities and offers numerous meeting places at cafes and bars on its premises and across campus.
- **The Recreation Centre** is a great place to meet people, try new and different activities, enjoy non-competitive sport, stay fit or train for any sporting event. Its wide range of facilities include a gymnasium, sports hall, circuit training, sports science laboratory, weights room, squash courts and climbing wall.
- **A Mentoring programme** which gives you the opportunity to get the most out of your time at UC. You can meet other new students studying in the same courses as you, get advice and guidance from a senior student who becomes your mentor for your first six weeks of study, make new friends and build your own networks on campus.
- **Other services** include assistance with writing and study skills, assistance with finding suitable accommodation, subsidised on-campus medical services and friendship linkages with New Zealand families.



Academic Year

For most undergraduate programmes the academic year begins in mid February and examinations end in mid November. The two semesters run from February to June and July to November. Courses are either single semester or full year, and a typical degree programme usually contains a mixture of both. Undergraduate students should normally plan to begin in February.

For start dates of teacher education programmes please check the website at www.education.canterbury.ac.nz

Postgraduate students planning to come for research programmes – Masters (thesis year) and PhD – may enrol at any time convenient to them and their department.

For some one year postgraduate programmes, eg the LLM, students enrol for 12 months. Please check with the department.

Christchurch and Canterbury



Christchurch is an ethnically diverse city which offers an exciting yet relaxed lifestyle for students. With a population of around 370,000 people, Christchurch is the largest city in the South Island and one of New Zealand's three main centres.

Located on the coastal edge of the Canterbury Plains, the city is close to both the mountains and the sea, offering a huge range of recreational options including climbing, hiking, mountain biking, skiing, sailing, surfing, kayaking and much more.

The University is situated on a spacious suburban campus, only a 15 minute drive from the city centre.

Christchurch is the most affordable major New Zealand city to live in and is also easy to get around, whether you're walking, cycling or driving. Christchurch is mostly flat, has wide streets, many bicycle lanes and an excellent public transport system. In addition, an international airport providing direct flights into New Zealand and international centres is a 10 minute drive from the University.

Christchurch has a temperate climate, with low rainfall (half as much as Auckland and Wellington), lots of sunshine and the full range of spectacular seasons. From hot summers to crisp winter days with clear blue skies, to awesome autumnal displays and springtime blossoms, Christchurch is a city of colour and constant change. Although Christchurch is known as an English city, with its cathedral, gardens and punting on the Avon, these days it is a truly cosmopolitan centre.

Christchurch has a thriving arts scene, with many festivals including the Christchurch Arts Festival, a flourishing live music scene, a professional theatre company, arthouse cinemas, a symphony orchestra, and opera and ballet companies.

The stunning Christchurch Art Gallery is the country's newest – and largest – purpose-built art gallery and forms part of Christchurch's unique cultural precinct, which also includes Canterbury Museum and the vibrant Christchurch Arts Centre, with cafés, bars, shops, studios and galleries.

Christchurch has a host of other unique attractions including the Antarctic Centre and the gondola.

The Canterbury region is a leading area for innovation, research and technology. Within a well developed economic infrastructure, key sectors include engineering, biotechnology, electronics, software engineering, agriculture, education, forestry and nutraceuticals.

As well as its wider potential for outdoor recreation, the South Island is a natural laboratory for students in the field sciences. The University has five field stations on the coast and in the mountains, serving as field trip bases and research centres for staff and students.

There are centres of worship for Christian, Muslim, Buddhist, Hindu and other religious communities. There are few class distinctions and attitudes and manners are informal. Dress at university tends to be casual and comfortable.

The best thing about being a student in Christchurch is that you can choose the lifestyle you want.

Subjects

Accounting	Engineering Geology*	Medical Physics*
Accounting and Information Systems	Engineering Management *	Medical Physics (clinical)*
American Studies	English	Microbiology*
Ancient History*	English Language	Music
Antarctic Studies	English Language and Cultures	• Composition
Anthropology	Environmental Science	• Digital Music/Sonic Art
Applied Psychology*	Ethics*	• Musicianship
Art Curatorship*	European Languages and Cultures	• Performance (instrumental & vocal)
Art History/Theory	European Studies*	• Music History , Culture & Research
Astronomy & Astrophysics	European Union Studies	• Music Education
Audiology*	Finance	• Jazz
Biochemistry	Fine Arts	Operations Management
Biological Sciences	• Film	Operations Research
Biosecurity	• Graphic Design	Pacific Studies*
Biotechnology	• Painting	Peace Studies
Business Administration*	• Photography	Philosophy
Cell Biology and Molecular Genetics	• Printmaking	Physics
Cellular & Molecular Biology*	• Sculpture	Plant Biology*
Chemistry	Forestry Science	Plant Physiology and Biotechnology
Child & Family Psychology*	French	Political Science
Chinese	Gender Studies	Psychology
Classics	Geography	Religious Studies
Classical Studies*	Geology	Russian
Clinical Psychology*	German	Resource Management
Commercial Law and Tax	Greek	Social Work
Communication Disorders	Hazard & Disaster Management*	Sociology
Computational & Applied Mathematics*	Health Sciences *	Software Development
Computer Science	Health Studies	Spanish
Computer Security and Forensics*	Higher Education *	Speech and Language Therapy
Computer Systems & Networks	History	Sport Coaching
Conservation Science	History & Philosophy of Science	Strategic Management
Counselling*	Human Resource Development	Statistics
Creative Writing*	Human Resource Management	Taxation & Accounting
Cultural Studies	Human Services	Teaching (Early Childhood, Primary, Secondary)
Diplomacy & International Relations *	Industrial & Organisational Psychology *	Te Reo Māori
e-Commerce	Information Systems	Tertiary Teaching*
Ecology	International Business	Theatre & Film Studies†
Economics	International Law & Politics*	Zoology*
Economics & Mathematics*	Italian	
Education	Japanese	
Education (Physical Education)	Journalism*	
Electronics	Korean	
Engineering	Latin	
• Bioengineering*	Law	
• Chemical & Process	Linguistics	
• Civil	Management	
• Computer	Management Science	
• Electrical & Electronic	Māori and Indigenous Studies	
• Fire *	Marketing	
• Forest	Mass Communication	
• Mechanical	Mathematics	
• Mechatronics	Mathematics & Philosophy*	
• Natural Resources	Mathematics and Statistics	
• Transportation*	Mathematical Physics*	

†Under review see: www.arts.canterbury.ac.nz

Note: Limitations of entry may apply to some courses. Not all subjects listed are offered as majors for degrees. Subjects marked with an asterisk (*) are available at postgraduate level only.

Bachelor Degrees – general degrees

Arts, Commerce and Science degrees allow students to major in one or two subjects and also study across a wide range of subjects from other degrees or develop a specialisation in one field.

Arts (Humanities and Social Sciences)

BA (3 years)

Major subjects: American Studies, Anthropology, Art History and Theory, Classics (including Greek and Latin), Cultural Studies, Economics, Education, English, European Languages and Cultures, European Union Studies, Gender Studies, Geography, History, Human Services, Languages (Chinese, French, German, Japanese, Russian, Spanish), Linguistics, Management Science, Māori and Indigenous Studies, Mass Communication, Mathematics, Music, Philosophy, Political Science, Psychology, Religious Studies, Sociology, Statistics, *Theatre & Film Studies.

www.canterbury.ac.nz/courses/undergrad/ba.shtml

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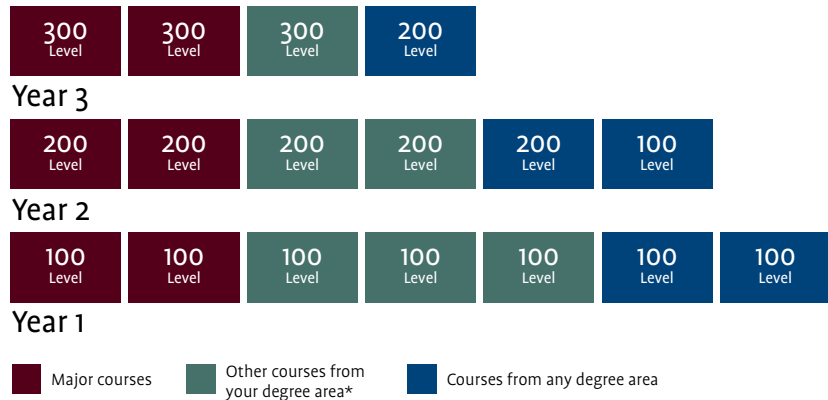
Commerce

BCom (3 years)

Students can choose one of two options for their Bachelor of Commerce degree: a BCom with a specialised endorsement, or a general BCom with a major.

An endorsed BCom is a specialised degree and students must follow a specified pathway of study as part of their degree requirements. Students can choose from the following endorsements: Accounting, Computer Systems and Networks, Economics, Finance, Human Resource Development, Information Systems, International Business, Marketing, Operations Management, Operations Research, Software

Typical degree structure – general degrees (BA, BCom, BSc)



*For the BA, four of these must be in one subject (your minor)

Development, Strategic Management, Taxation and Accounting.

Students who want to graduate with a general degree can major in: Accounting and Information Systems, Computer Science, Economics, Finance, Management, Management Science. Commerce students may also include selected Forestry courses in their degree, in preparation for a business career in this industry.

The Internship Programme places third-year business students in organisations throughout New Zealand for eight weeks over summer. This programme provides students with the opportunity to undertake real-life projects for New Zealand companies, gain industry experience and receive credit towards their degrees. Internships are available in Marketing and Human Resource Development.

www.canterbury.ac.nz/courses/undergrad/bcom.shtml

Science

BSc (3 years)

Major subjects: Astronomy, Biochemistry, Biological Sciences, Chemistry, Computer Science, Economics, Electronics, Finance, Geography, Geology, Linguistics, Management Science, Mathematics, Philosophy, Physics, Psychology, Statistics.

www.canterbury.ac.nz/courses/undergrad/bsc.shtml

BSc endorsements in:

Biosecurity, Environmental Science, and Ecology.*

*Subject to NZVCC CUAP approval due December 2009.



Shefali Iyer from India

Bachelor of Commerce, majoring in Accounting, Finance and Information Systems

"I was particularly attracted to the University of Canterbury as their accounting qualification is highly regarded and recognised internationally. The education system at Canterbury is very flexible and practical – I think this will have a huge impact on my ability to fit into the real world of accounting. Being an international student at UC has been a fantastic experience. I have become more independent, mature and confident in just one year."

Double degrees

Suitably qualified candidates may also take undergraduate degrees in combination (eg, Bachelor of Arts/ Bachelor of Laws; Bachelor of Engineering /Bachelor of Science).

The length of the double degree depends on the degree combination. Contact the International Office for conditions of entry for a double degree.

Specialist Bachelor Degrees

Bachelor of Engineering (Hons)

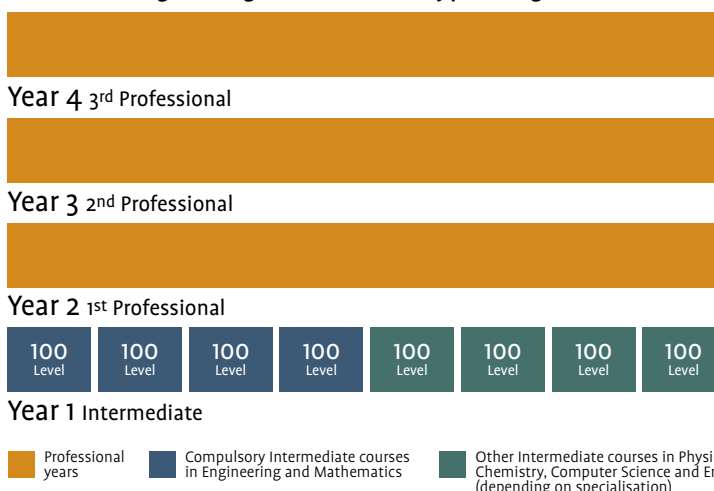
BE (Hons) (4 years)

Specialisations: Chemical and Process, Civil, Computer, Electrical and Electronic, Forest, Mechanical, Mechatronics, Natural Resources. The first year of the BE(Hons), which is called the Engineering Intermediate Year, consists of eight courses. Required courses will include Engineering and Mathematics, as well as Physics, Chemistry and Computer Science (the particular combination will depend on which specialisation you intend to pursue in the Professional Years).

You can leave your options open by taking all the required courses for each programme you are interested in. Entry to the first professional year (second year of study) is competitive.

www.canterbury.ac.nz/courses/undergrad/behons.shtml

Bachelor of Engineering with Honours – typical degree structure



The BE(Hons) Intermediate Year structure is currently under review. Intermediate Year courses may change. Please check www.engf.canterbury.ac.nz for more information.

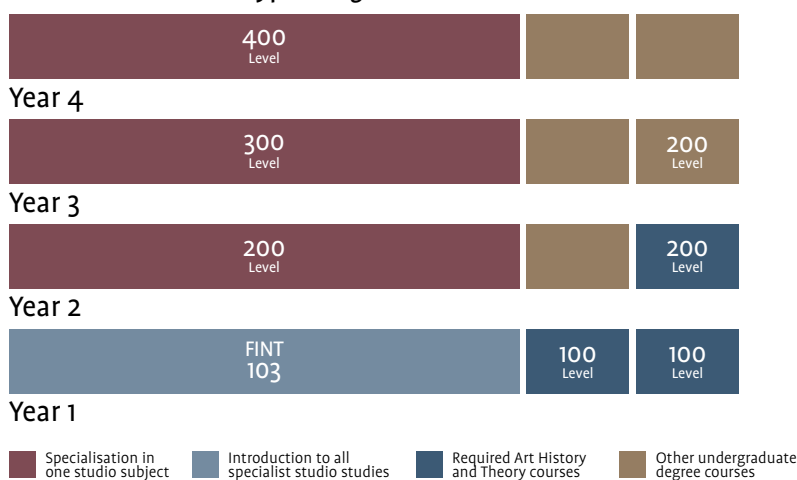
Bachelor of Fine Arts

BFA (4 years)

Specialisations: Film, Graphic Design, Painting, Photography, Printmaking, Sculpture. There is strong competition for places in the first year. A separate application must be made to the School of Fine Arts by 10 December which must include a portfolio of the applicant's artwork.

www.canterbury.ac.nz/courses/undergrad/bfa.shtml

Bachelor of Fine Arts – typical degree structure



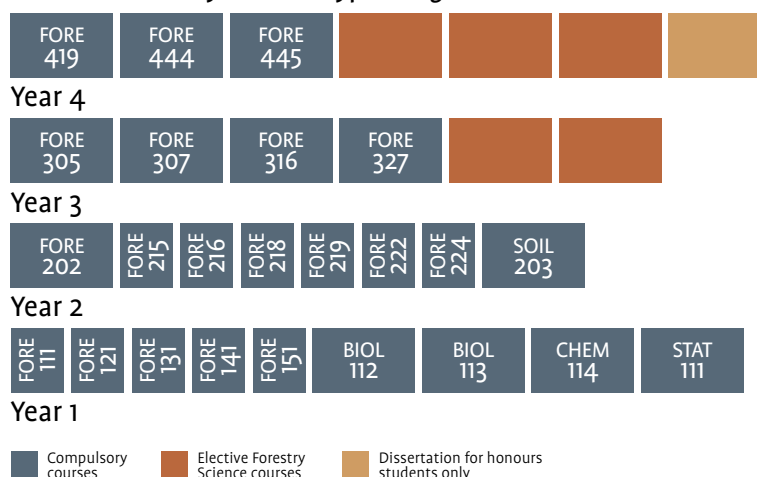
Bachelor of Forestry Science

BForSc (4 years)

The Bachelor of Forestry Science is a four-year professional degree offered by the School of Forestry, New Zealand's only university Forestry department. The BForSc combines core science papers with management and commerce, with a focus on natural resources. Graduates are employed in the plantation forestry industry both in New Zealand and overseas, and in the management of native forests.

www.canterbury.ac.nz/courses/undergrad/bforsc.shtml

Bachelor of Forestry Science – typical degree structure



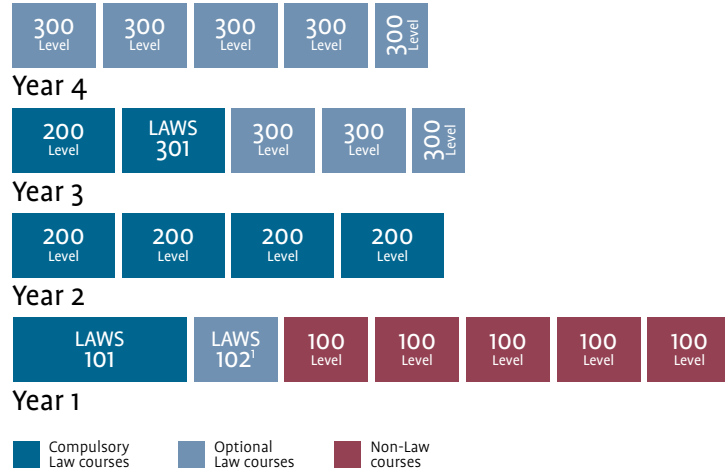
First-year courses may change. Please check www.canterbury.ac.nz/courses for more information.

Bachelor of Laws

LLB (4 years)

The Bachelor of Laws is a four-year professional degree that allows you to specialise in a range of areas in your third and fourth years. Law graduates are highly employable in both the private and public sectors, in law firms, business and government. Entry into the second year is competitive, requiring good grades in the core first year law course (LAWS 101: The Legal System). There are places for up to 10 international students in each 200-level course. www.canterbury.ac.nz/courses/undergrad/llb.shtml

Bachelor of Laws – typical degree structure



¹ LAWS 102 is not compulsory but may be included as part of the 108 points of non-Law. If LAWS 102 is not taken it must be replaced with 18 points of non-Law.

Bachelor of Music

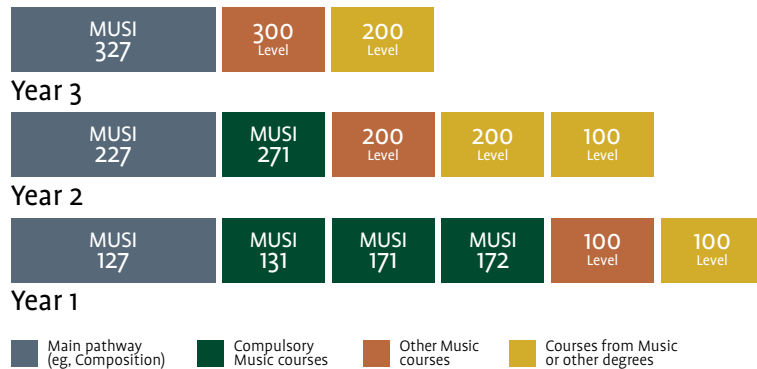
MusB (3 years)

The Bachelor of Music is a specialised three-year degree offered by the School of Music. The MusB allows students to focus on Music subjects, including performance and composition, with some flexibility to include courses from other degrees. Music graduates find employment as performers, composers, arrangers, technicians, teachers and administrators.

Pathways: Composition, Digital Music, Sonic Art and Recording Technology, Music Education, Music History, Culture and Research, Musicianship, Performance (instrument and voice).

Places in the performance course are awarded on the basis of an audition. Applications close on 15 September.

Bachelor of Music – typical degree structure (eg, Composition pathway)



The diagram illustrates one possible combination of courses with a major in composition.

www.canterbury.ac.nz/courses/undergrad/musb.shtml

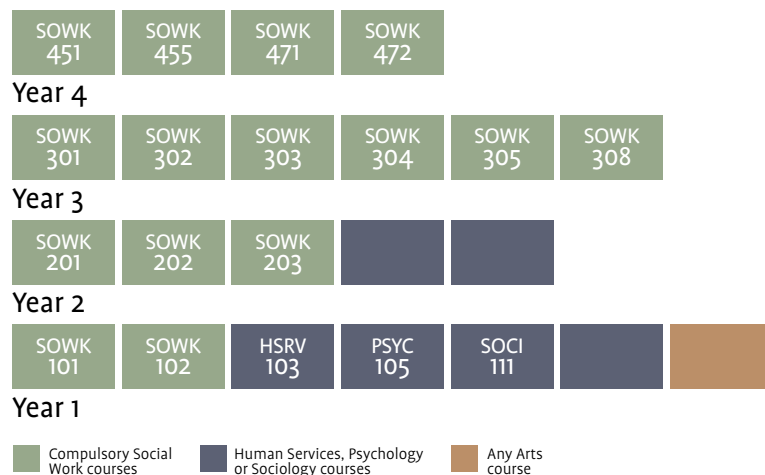
The Bachelor of Social Work

BSW (4 years)

The Bachelor of Social Work is a people-oriented four-year professional degree with a strong practical focus. Social Work graduates are employed in both the public and private sectors, in planning, administration and research, and in providing services for young people, families, the aged, people who have committed offences and people with disabilities. Entry to the third year of the BSW is limited to students who have successfully completed the compulsory 100- and 200-level Social Work courses.

www.canterbury.ac.nz/courses/undergrad/bsw.shtml

Bachelor of Social Work – typical degree structure



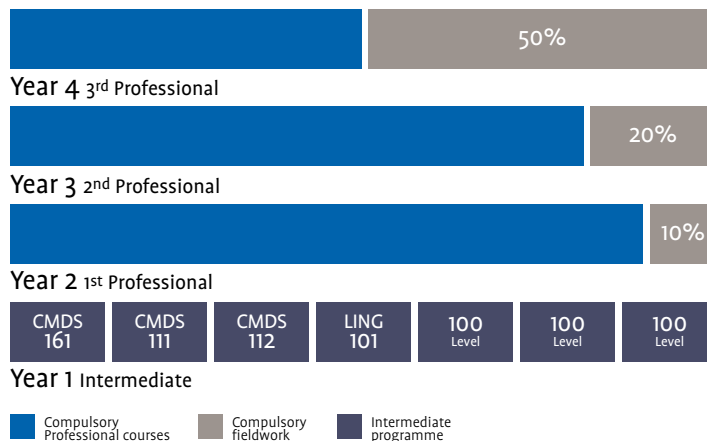
Bachelor of Speech and Language Therapy

BSLT (4 years)

The BSLT is a professional degree with a strong practical focus specialising in the study of communication, its development and its disorders. It involves an intermediate year followed by three professional years of full-time study. Entry to the first professional year is limited and applications close on 1 November. Applicants will be selected on academic merit, fluency in English and additional assessment to determine suitability for training as a Speech and Language Therapist.

www.canterbury.ac.nz/courses/undergrad/bslt.shtml

Bachelor of Speech and Language Therapy – typical degree structure



The College of Education offers a number of teaching qualifications.

Entry to these programmes is competitive and places are limited. Selection for entry is based on academic ability, involvement and interest in working with young people and physical activity, community involvement,

communication skills and other personal qualities. The selection process includes a police check and an interview. Those for whom English is a second language must provide evidence of an overall IELTS (Academic) test result of at least 7.0 with no individual score below 7.0.

The College of Education's International Prospectus and application for programme entry form are available on request or can be downloaded from www.education.canterbury.ac.nz/international/

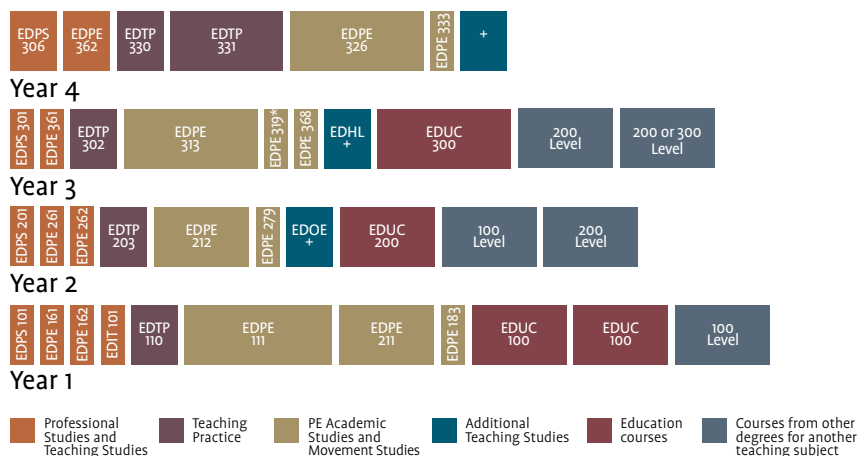
Bachelor of Education, specialising in Physical Education

BEd/GradDipTchLn (4 years).

The Bachelor of Education specialising in Physical Education provides a quality pathway to a nationally and internationally recognised four-year professional degree. The degree runs conjointly with the Graduate Diploma in Teaching and Learning (Secondary) and provides the opportunity to specialise in Physical Education and one other teaching subject. Graduates are also qualified to teach health education and outdoor education.

www.canterbury.ac.nz/subjects/physicaleducation/

Bachelor of Education and Graduate Diploma in Teaching and Learning (Secondary) specialising in Physical Education – typical degree structure



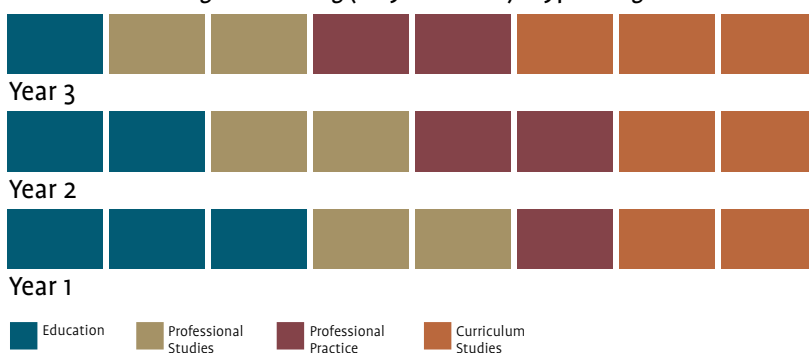
The Bachelor of Teaching and Learning (Early Childhood)

BTchLn (Early Childhood) (3 years)

The Bachelor of Teaching and Learning (Early Childhood) is an internationally recognised three-year full-time professional qualification that prepares you for a teaching career in the early childhood sector.

[www.canterbury.ac.nz/courses/undergrad/btchln\(earlychildhood\).shtml](http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/courses/undergrad/btchln(earlychildhood).shtml)

Bachelor of Teaching and Learning (Early Childhood) – typical degree structure*



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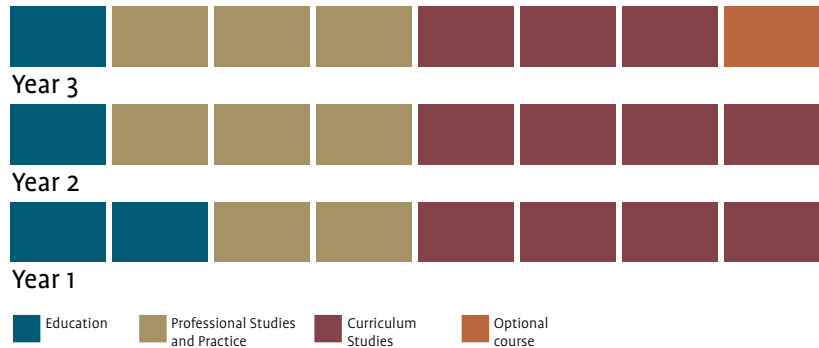
The Bachelor of Teaching and Learning (Primary)

BTchLn (Primary) (3 years)

The Bachelor of Teaching and Learning (Primary) is an internationally recognised three-year full-time professional qualification that prepares you for a teaching career in primary, intermediate, middle and area schools.

[www.canterbury.ac.nz/courses/undergrad/btchln\(primary\).shtml](http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/courses/undergrad/btchln(primary).shtml)

Bachelor of Teaching and Learning (Primary) – typical degree structure*



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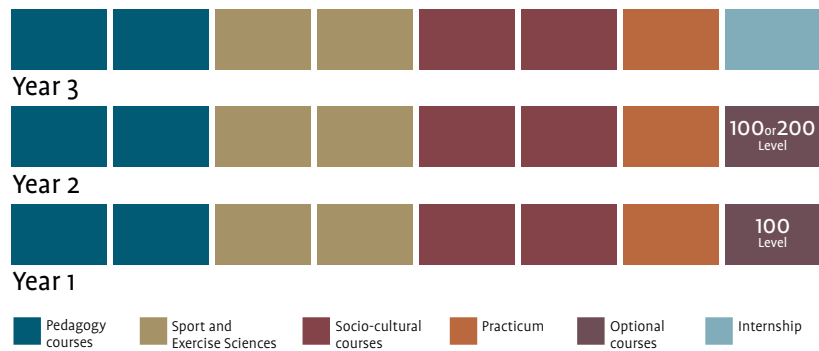
Bachelor of Sport Coaching

BSpC (3 years)

The only degree of its kind in New Zealand, the Bachelor of Sport Coaching allows you to immerse yourself in the art, science and pedagogy of sport coaching. It is a three-year full time qualification for people who wish to enhance their coaching knowledge and practice. The BSpC can lead to a range of sport related careers.

www.canterbury.ac.nz/subjects/sportcoaching/

Bachelor of Sport Coaching – typical degree structure*



Each block represents a 15-point course.
 This structure is for students starting 2010 onwards and is subject to change.
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English Language and Foundation Programmes

English language

The University's English language programmes prepare students for study at Foundation, undergraduate and postgraduate degree level. They are 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 ideas and theories in English.

Our programmes 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

Students who meet the academic entry requirements for university study, but not the English language requirements 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 English language course that best suits their ability. From there they can progress through the English language levels until they have improved their English enough to meet the English language requirements of their chosen programme.

English for Academic Purposes 1 (EAP1) and English for Academic Purposes 2 (EAP2)

These courses teach students to communicate with accuracy and complete complex academic tasks. 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.

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 not the English language requirements. It enables students to increase their English language proficiency, study skills and understanding of a western analytical approach to study.

The qualification is accepted by New Zealand universities as an English language entry standard. Students planning to continue their studies at another New Zealand university should check if that institution has additional departmental English language entry requirements.



Foundation Studies

The Certificate in Foundation Studies is a 26-week programme that assists students to meet the basic entry requirements for undergraduate study at New Zealand universities. The programme enables students to meet the academic and English language entry requirements for most undergraduate degree programmes offered by the University of Canterbury.

The programme provides excellent preparation for degree study and classes are held in many of the same classrooms and laboratories that students will use later in their degree. Students are also able to interact academically and socially with staff and students from different cultures.

Foundation Studies students develop English language and study skills as well as gain an introduction to subjects in their chosen academic field. The programme has three streams to choose from - Arts (Humanities and Social Sciences), Business and Science (Physical and Biological) - that help prepare students for their chosen degree.

During the programme students:

- Develop proficiency in the English language and its use for academic purposes;
- Develop the skills necessary to participate actively and effectively in lectures and tutorials;

- Gain an understanding of lecturers' expectations regarding written assignments and tests;
- Increase their knowledge of subjects they intend to study as an undergraduate student at the University;
- Develop an understanding of New Zealand culture and society to assist them in living and studying here.

The Certificate in Foundation Studies is accepted as an entry standard by New Zealand universities. Students planning to continue their studies at another New Zealand university should check if that institution has additional departmental English language entry requirements.

A combined English Language/ Foundation Studies prospectus is available on request. Information in other languages is also available on our website at www.uco.canterbury.ac.nz/bridging/elc/ and www.uco.canterbury.ac.nz/bridging/foundation/

Graduate and Postgraduate Qualifications

Graduate Qualifications

Graduate diplomas

Graduate diplomas provide an opportunity for graduates to acquire substantial knowledge in a particular subject in a relatively short time. They can be taken as a way of meeting the prerequisites for further study, for developing your interests and for enhancing your employment prospects. Graduate diplomas typically consist of advanced undergraduate coursework and may allow you to study a completely new subject area. Some are more specialised, often requiring students to have an appropriate academic or vocational background. Please see the following web page for full details of the prerequisites, content and length of study of our different graduate qualifications: www.canterbury.ac.nz/courses/gradquals.shtml

Postgraduate Qualifications

The University offers a wide range of postgraduate programmes, and while we have included as much general detail below as we can, these are only guidelines. For full information for a specific subject area, please see the relevant department web page. Please see the following webpage for full details of the prerequisites, content and any additional application requirements of our postgraduate qualifications:

www.canterbury.ac.nz/courses/postgradquals.shtml

Postgraduate diplomas

Some postgraduate diplomas are typically equivalent to “Masters part I” (see “Honours and Masters degrees” below). Many postgraduate diplomas are more specialised, requiring further study and/or other vocational background. Please see the department and/or our postgraduate qualifications webpage for details relevant to your subject area.

Honours and master’s degrees

Arts, Science and Commerce students with relevant undergraduate degrees typically begin their postgraduate studies with a research-skills focused year of coursework called “honours” or “master’s part I”, often including a significant research project. Prerequisites vary between departments, but good grades overall and particularly in the final year of the undergraduate degree are required.

Please note that some departments will not admit students directly to part 1 of a master’s degree. Science students enrol in a postgraduate diploma or an honours degree and Arts and Commerce students enrol in an honours degree. On successful completion of the diploma or honours year, and if the necessary resources and supervision are available, they can proceed to the thesis year of the master’s.

We recommend that students include a list of courses they wish to take when they apply for entry to a postgraduate qualification including coursework.

If appropriate supervision and other resources are available, students who do well in this coursework year can then proceed to a master’s thesis (“master’s part II”) the following year. Students who have already completed a year of suitable postgraduate study elsewhere may be admitted to a master’s degree by thesis only. The master’s thesis typically takes between 12 to 24 months to complete.

Master’s degrees in Engineering and Law

Engineering and Law students can undertake a master’s degree by coursework, research project, dissertation or a combination or by thesis only. Depending on the discipline and a student’s background, the degree can take from 12 to 24 months.

Master’s thesis (“Master’s part II”) and PhD applicants

To assist the department in assessing whether they can provide suitable supervision, prospective research/thesis students should send the following with their application for admission:

- an outline of their area of research interest (which must match an area of research interest at Canterbury);
- details of their previous research or publications; and
- details of communication with any potential supervisors.

Research in some areas; e.g. Science and Engineering may require further funding for equipment and other expenses. Supervisors may be more willing to undertake to supervise in such areas if applicants are able to secure funding for their research project. (Access to research funding does not however guarantee a place in a research programme).

We recommend that students visit the website of the relevant department to see whether we offer research in their particular interest area and make contact with a suitable supervisor before formally applying for admission. Research interests of academic staff are listed on the webpages of the relevant academic programmes. You can also search the Directory of Expertise at www.research.canterbury.ac.nz/directoryexpertise.shtml

A Postgraduate prospectus is available on request.

Doctor of Philosophy

The degree of Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) involves extensive, sustained and original research and study in a specialised area, with the results presented as a thesis. A PhD normally requires at least three years of full-time, independent study, and your work will contribute to intellectual knowledge in your field. Candidates must have the equivalent of a researched-focused master’s or honours degree with first or second class honours.

We recommend that you familiarise yourself with the details of the programme you are interested in before applying for admission. Check that the courses we offer will meet your academic objectives. Please see the relevant department/programme website or contact the International Office for further information. Many graduate and postgraduate programmes have specific application requirements and/or an additional application process.

Arts

Postgraduate students benefit from resources like the Logie Collection – the foremost collection of Greek and Roman antiquities in the Southern Hemisphere, and the Macmillan Brown Library – a unique research collection of New Zealand and Pacific Islands materials.

The University offers the only dedicated postgraduate programmes in the country in Cultural Studies, Diplomacy and International Relations, and History and Philosophy of Science.

Qualifications	Subject Areas
Graduate Diploma in Arts <i>GradDipArts</i> Bachelor of Arts with Honours <i>BA(Hons)</i> Master of Arts MA PhD	American Studies, Ancient History, Anthropology, Art History, Art Theory, Chinese, Classics, Classical Studies, Cultural Studies, Creative Writing, Diplomacy & International Relations, Economics, Education, English, European Studies, French, Gender Studies, Geography, German, History, History & Philosophy of Science, Human Services, Japanese, Linguistics, Maori, Mass Communication, Mathematics, Music, Pacific Studies, Philosophy, Political Science, Psychology, Religious Studies, Russian, Social Work, Sociology, Spanish, Statistics, Theatre & Film Studies [†] . * Not all subject areas may be available for all qualifications. Please check graduate and postgraduate qualification websites www.arts.canterbury.ac.nz
Master of International Law and Politics <i>MIntLaw&Pols (1 year)</i>	The Master of International Law and Politics is designed for students who have some background in international politics, diplomacy or international law, and wish to further develop their specialist knowledge. www.canterbury.ac.nz/postgrad/qualifications/arts/milp.shtml
Graduate Diploma in Journalism <i>GradDipJ (1 year)</i>	The Graduate Diploma in Journalism is an intensive programme for graduates who intend to work in the media. Entrance is competitive. There is one place each year for an international student from a developing country. In addition to application for admission to the University, a special application for entry to the programme must be made to the Journalism department by 15 November. www.canterbury.ac.nz/postgrad/qualifications/arts/graddipjourn.shtml
Postgraduate Diploma in Art Curatorship <i>PGDipArtCuratorship (1 year)</i>	The Postgraduate Diploma in Art Curatorship includes courses in the History of Museums, a research paper, a special project in staging an exhibition and a gallery internship. Candidates must have a Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Fine Arts degree or equivalent. www.canterbury.ac.nz/postgrad/qualifications/fine_arts/pgdartcurator.shtml

Commerce

The College of Business and Economics is committed to teaching and research excellence and enjoys extensive links with leading university business schools around the world. Lecturers have international standing in their fields and have written many of the textbooks used on the courses – meaning students learn first-hand from the experts.

Special requirements for postgraduate study in Accounting and Information Systems:

Students who need to provide evidence of English language proficiency require an IELTS score of 7.0 with no section score less than 7.0

Special requirements for postgraduate study in BCom(Hons) in Management (first year of Masters):

Entry to this programme is competitive. Applicants will require excellent grades in their previous studies and exceptional English Language proficiency.

Special requirements for postgraduate study in Economics:

All applicants must provide an acceptable English language test result before applying for entry (see page 26) and provide a detailed description of the contents of the most advanced Economics courses taken during the course of their undergraduate study.

Applicants to thesis programmes i.e. MCom (Part 2) and PhD in Economics must provide results of a Graduate Record Examination test (GRE). For information, visit the website at www.gre.org/cbtttest.html. Applicants must arrange with the Educational Testing Service to send the results directly to the University of Canterbury.

Qualifications	Subject Areas
Bachelor of Commerce with Honours <i>BCom(Hons)</i> Master of Commerce <i>MCom</i> PhD	Accounting and Information Systems, Computer Science, Economics, Finance, Management, Management Science. See Page 13 See Page 13 www.bsec.canterbury.ac.nz
Graduate Diploma in Accounting and Information Systems <i>GradDipAcc&IS (1 year)</i>	The Graduate Diploma in Accounting and Information Systems offers students an opportunity to complement their undergraduate studies with further studies in the subjects offered by the department. The diploma is designed for graduates with a Commerce major seeking a second major in courses taught by the ACIS department. A background in university-level accounting is required. Depending on the student's previous academic background, the diploma may assist international students to meet some of the academic requirements of the New Zealand Institute of Chartered Accountants (NZICA). Students need to check this first with NZICA. www.canterbury.ac.nz/postgrad/qualifications/commerce/graddipaccis.shtml

[†]Under review see: www.arts.canterbury.ac.nz

Commerce – continued

<p>Graduate Diploma in Management <i>GradDipMgt (1 year)</i></p>	<p>The Diploma provides an overview of the various functions of management to people with a non-commerce background. It will help graduates from other disciplines gain an understanding of the concepts, tools, frameworks and language of business. It will also provide students who do not have a degree in Commerce or Management an entry point into honours and master's programmes in Management. It is essential that applicants discuss their application with the Graduate Diploma in Management Co-ordinator. www.canterbury.ac.nz/postgrad/qualifications/commerce/graddipmgt.shtml</p>
<p>Graduate Diploma in Economics <i>GradDipEcon (1 year)</i></p>	<p>The Diploma, which consists of coursework, is offered as a transitional qualification in Economics for graduates from other disciplines. www.canterbury.ac.nz/postgrad/qualifications/commerce/graddipecon.shtml</p>
<p>Post Graduate Diploma in Economics <i>PGDipEcon (1 year)</i></p>	<p>The Postgraduate Diploma in Economics is a one-year, full-time programme of study consisting of eight courses. Candidates must have a bachelor's degree and satisfy the prerequisites for the subject Economics. www.canterbury.ac.nz/postgrad/qualifications/commerce/pgdipecon.shtml</p>
<p>Master of Business Administration <i>MBA (15 months)</i></p>	<p>The Canterbury MBA programme is oriented toward general management. It aims to facilitate the transition from a technical or professional background to a general management background by developing participants' leadership and management skills. It is a two-year course compressed into a minimum of 15 months of study. Applicants must have completed a degree, have at least five years of practical work experience, a GMAT score of 600 or above and a higher English language test result than the specified minimum. Applicants without an undergraduate degree must apply in the first instance for the Graduate Diploma in Business Administration (GradDipBA). Applicants need to correspond directly with the MBA programme director. Applications close on 10 December (for international students). www.canterbury.ac.nz/postgrad/qualifications/commerce/mba.shtml</p>
<p>Graduate Diploma in Business Administration <i>GradDipBA (8 months)</i></p>	<p>Diploma students attend the same classes (core courses) as MBA students. The difference is that students who wish to study for the Diploma do not attend elective classes nor do they complete a project. Successful applicants can apply to be transferred to the MBA if they achieve a B average in the core courses and do not fail any course. Applicants need to correspond directly with the MBA programme director. Applications close on 10 December (for international students). www.canterbury.ac.nz/postgrad/qualifications/commerce/graddipba.shtml</p>
<p>Master of Business Management <i>MBM (2 years)</i></p>	<p>The Master of Business Management (MBM) is suitable for students with a first degree in non-commerce subject areas with good grades, and with little or no business experience. The MBM is designed to develop master's level knowledge and skills in business and management as part of career preparation and entry. The MBM is a two-year programme. The first year comprises 10 core courses; in year 2 candidates take seven more courses and complete a research project. A B grade average over the 10 first-year courses is required for progression into the second year of the programme. Students may exit the programme with a Postgraduate Diploma in Business Management (PGDipBM) on successful completion of the first-year courses. It is essential that all applicants discuss their application with the MBM Director before completing the application form. http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/postgrad/qualifications/commerce/mbm.shtml</p>
<p>Postgraduate Diploma in Business Management <i>PGDipBM (1 year)</i></p>	<p>The Postgraduate Diploma in Business Management is a one-year programme, which provides students with an understanding and knowledge of contemporary business management. The programme consists of 10 courses, which are normally the 10 core courses of the Master of Business Management (MBM) programme. Diploma students attend the same classes as MBM students. If students pass all the core courses and achieve a B average across all courses, they may apply for a transfer into the MBM programme. It is essential that all applicants discuss their application with the MBM Director before completing the application form. www.canterbury.ac.nz/postgrad/qualifications/commerce/pgdipbm.shtml</p>



Syen Jien Nik from Malaysia

PhD Medical Physics

Syen Jien Nik had heard of the excellent reputation of UC's Physics and Astronomy department, so when he was offered a scholarship from his sponsor to do a Bachelor of Science in Physics, he chose to study here. Syen Nik has been impressed with the friendliness and the expertise of the lecturers and the many opportunities to attend seminars addressed by guest speakers who are well known experts in the various fields of Physics. "I discovered many theories that are

significant to our daily life that I have never heard of before".

Syen Jien has completed his BSc (Hons) and intends to do his PhD in Medical Physics at UC.

"Apart from getting a first class education, this is the best place to experience the Pacific outdoors, friendly people, the relaxed lifestyle, and the many sports facilities available".

Communication Disorders

The department of Communication Disorders has a reputation as a leader in specialist areas of research including phonological awareness, acoustic speech analysis, quantification of voice disorders, neurogenic and swallowing disorders.

<p>Master of Audiology <i>MAud (2 years)</i></p>	<p>The Master of Audiology degree involves coursework along with clinical and research experience. Academic coursework focuses on training professional clinical audiologists with emphasis on the development of clinical and administrative skills relating to the practice of audiology. The research project is aimed at integrating the academic and clinical coursework learned throughout the programme and to prepare students to take a leadership role in clinical research and management. Applicants must be fluent in English and hold a Bachelor's degree in Speech and Language Therapy or equivalent, or a degree in Science, Arts, Education, Electrical or Mechanical Engineering, with relevant undergraduate coursework, as approved by the Head of the Department of Communication Disorders. Students whose first language is not English need an IELTS score of 7.0 with no individual score lower than 7.0 before submitting their application.</p> <p>The deadline for applications is 1 November. Admission to the MAud is limited.</p> <p>www.cmds.canterbury.ac.nz/courses/maud.shtml</p>
<p>Master of Speech and Language Therapy <i>MSLT (1 year)</i></p>	<p>The Master of Speech and Language Therapy (MSLT) degree includes advanced study in clinical theory, clinical supervision and an introduction to research. As part of the research experience, students will be required to complete a clinical research project directed towards a specified area of communication disorders. Applicants must hold a bachelor's degree in Speech and Language Therapy, or an equivalent clinical qualification and be fluent in English. Admission to the MSLT programme is limited. The deadline for applications is 1 November.</p> <p>www.cmds.canterbury.ac.nz/courses/mslt.shtml</p>
<p>PhD</p>	<p>See Page 13 and www.cmds.canterbury.ac.nz/research/</p>

Education

The College of Education builds on a 130-year tradition of quality teacher education and educational research. Its teaching staff are education specialists who have close links with local schools and whose teaching draws upon practical experience and the latest research.

<p>Graduate diplomas in Teaching and Learning</p>	<p>For students interested in training to become a teacher, we offer graduate diplomas in Teaching and Learning. Students select one of three areas: Early Childhood, Primary or Secondary. Those for whom English is a second language must provide evidence of an overall IELTS (Academic) test result of at least 7.0 with no individual score below 7.0. Candidates must make a special application to the College of Education. As places in the graduate diplomas are limited we strongly recommend that you apply as early as possible.</p> <p>www.education.canterbury.ac.nz/</p>
<p>Bachelor of Teaching and Learning with Honours <i>BTchLn(Hons)</i></p>	<p>The BTchLn(Hons) provides students with the opportunity to focus on educational issues or curriculum areas in which they have special interests and makes them more competitive in the job market. The BTchLn(Hons) includes a research project and additional research in schools/early childhood centres. Students must have a B grade average in a Bachelor of Teaching and Learning (or equivalent).</p> <p>www.canterbury.ac.nz/postgrad/qualifications/education/btchln(hons).shtml</p>
<p>Educational Studies and Human Development</p>	<p>Education can be taken as a major subject within the GradDipArts, BA(Hons), MA & PhD (see pages 13-14 for details). Also offered are a number of specialised qualifications in Education, Counselling, and Child and Family Psychology.</p> <p>Master of Education (MEd) (2 years) Master of Education with Certificate in Counselling (MEdCertCounselling) (2 years) Master of Education in Child and Family Psychology (Med(ChFamPsysc)) (2 years) Postgraduate Diploma in Child and Family Psychology (PGDipChFamPsysc) (1 year)</p> <p>For details of these programmes, their entry requirements and application procedures, please see the School of Educational Studies and Human Development webpage at: www.education.canterbury.ac.nz/</p>
<p>Postgraduate Diploma in Health Sciences <i>PGDipHealSc (1 year)</i></p>	<p>This course is an interdisciplinary programme designed for people who are currently employed in, or seeking employment in, a health-related field, the social services or local or central government.</p> <p>There is a choice of courses from over twenty disciplines, with the option of a particular focus in environment and health, early intervention, health behaviour change or health information management.</p> <p>www.canterbury.ac.nz/postgrad/qualifications/science/pgdiphealthsci.shtml</p>
<p>Master of Health Sciences <i>MHealSc (2 years)</i></p>	<p>Students with a Postgraduate Diploma in Health Sciences (or equivalent) can proceed directly to the thesis year.</p> <p>www.canterbury.ac.nz/postgrad/qualifications/science/mastershealthsci.shtml</p>

Engineering

The College of Engineering is justifiably proud of the considerable resources available to its postgraduate students, including a specialist engineering library. The College has the only nanotechnology laboratory with nanofabrication capability in the country and has expertise in areas such as robotics, biofluid mechanics, software development, process engineering and earthquake engineering. The College also has strong links to the Human Interface Technology Laboratory New Zealand, the Geospatial Research Centre and NZi3, the national ICT Innovation Institute housed at UC.

Qualifications	Subject Areas
	Bioengineering, Chemical and Process, Civil, Electrical and Electronic, Engineering Management, Fire, Mechanical, Transportation. <i>*Not all subject areas may be available at all levels. Please check the relevant website for details.</i>
Postgraduate Certificate in Engineering <i>PGCertEng (one semester)</i>	The PGCertEng caters for professional engineers seeking advanced technical knowledge. Endorsements are offered in Fire Engineering and Transportation Engineering. An unendorsed certificate is also available in a broad range of engineering subjects. www.canterbury.ac.nz/postgrad/qualifications/engineering/pgcerteng.shtml
Master of Engineering Studies <i>MEngSt (1-2 years)</i>	This degree caters for professional engineers seeking advanced learning. The programme comprises a combination of 400 and 600-level courses which enable students to study a broad range of topics in their general area of expertise. www.canterbury.ac.nz/postgrad/qualifications/engineering/mengst.shtml
Master of Engineering <i>ME (16 months to 3 years)</i>	This specialised research degree is completed by coursework, examination and a thesis. It aims to provide a research-focussed learning environment in which students can develop their independent problem solving skills through supervised research. Study in a number of advanced engineering courses will provide each student with key technical knowledge to enhance and support their research activities. The specific choice of courses and the selection of a research topic are determined by the student's choice of specialisation. The degree of Master of Engineering may be awarded endorsed in the following subjects: Bioengineering, Chemical and Process Engineering, Civil Engineering, Electrical and Electronic Engineering, and Mechanical Engineering. www.canterbury.ac.nz/postgrad/qualifications/engineering/me.shtml
PhD	See Page 13 and www.engf.canterbury.ac.nz
Master of Engineering in Fire Engineering <i>MEFE (1-2 years)</i>	Fire engineers specialise in the application of science and engineering principles to protect people and their environment from destructive fire. The MEFE is open to graduates from relevant branches of engineering and covers all aspects of fire safety in buildings and other structures, human safety, and risk assessment. Applications for admission are considered twice each year (June and December) for studies commencing in February of the following year. Numbers are limited to twelve each year. www.canterbury.ac.nz/postgrad/qualifications/engineering/mefe.shtml
Master of Engineering in Transportation <i>MET (1-2 years)</i>	The Master of Engineering in Transportation covers three main areas: transportation planning, traffic engineering and pavement engineering, with options of specialising in one or all. www.canterbury.ac.nz/postgrad/qualifications/engineering/met.shtml
Master of Engineering in Management <i>MEM (1 year)</i>	The Master of Engineering in Management gives graduates with an appropriate undergraduate degree an insight into the business world, allowing them to use their technical skills in real-life situations. As part of the course, students complete a six-month industry-based project. The MEM is endorsed by the Institution of Professional Engineers New Zealand (IPENZ) as a quality continuing professional development course. Applicants require a good undergraduate degree in engineering or science (although others may also be admitted on specific merit), a GMAT score of 600 or above and a higher English language test score than the specified minimum. Applicants must send a written application including a CV with specific highlights as per the directions on the MEM website to the Director of the Engineering Management Programme and also apply for admission to the University for assessment of their previous studies. Full details about the programme, entry and selection criteria, the application procedure etc. can be found at www.mem.canterbury.ac.nz/



Joseph Chapman from the United Kingdom

Bachelor of Forestry Science

Joseph Chapman made his decision to study Forestry at Canterbury after hearing of the university's excellent academic reputation. Joseph has found Canterbury's reputation to be well founded.

"My lecturers are great," he says, "and I have really enjoyed the opportunity to be involved in small group work during my studies." Joseph

has made many friends through his classes and also in the pursuit of his passion for playing soccer, joining in summer social games in Christchurch's Hagley Park next to the city centre. Joseph enjoys the great outdoors and has appreciated the easy access Canterbury's location provides to some spectacular New Zealand scenery.

"I would definitely recommend the University of Canterbury as a study destination," he says.

Fine Arts

The School of Fine Arts has consistently produced high quality graduates who have gone on to make notable contributions to New Zealand's cultural life and many have achieved acclaim within the international community of artists, designers, curators and scholars. The School of Fine Arts' staff are highly qualified and experienced artists, designers, art historians and art theorists of international standing.

Qualifications	Specialisation
Bachelor of Fine Arts with Honours <i>BFA(Hons)</i> Master of Fine Arts MFA	Specialist studio courses in Film, Graphic Design, Painting, Photography, Printmaking and Sculpture are offered at Honours and Masters level. www.fina.canterbury.ac.nz/
Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing <i>MFA(Creative Writing)</i> (1-2 years)	The MFA (Creative Writing) is designed for students who have studied courses in creative writing at undergraduate and honours level and professional writers who wish to gain an internationally recognised formal qualification in their field. Entry is limited to eight students. Selection will be made on the basis of the student's prior submission of a folio of work and a research proposal to be approved by the Board of Studies. www.canterbury.ac.nz/postgrad/qualifications/fine_arts/mfacreative.shtml

Forestry

Today's forestry industry is seeking graduates with creativity and expertise in planning, policy, biodiversity, conservation and sustainable management – precisely the skills for which the New Zealand School of Forestry at the University of Canterbury is internationally renowned.

Postgraduate students benefit from the School's close relationship with the co-located New Zealand Forest Research Institute, which boosts supervisory expertise and teaching capability. Close relationships with the Engineering, Science and Commerce faculties offer opportunities for in-depth research in areas such as transportation, wood processing, business, finance and marketing. Resources available include specialised soils and wood technology laboratories .

Graduate Diploma in Forestry <i>GradDipFor (1 year)</i>	The Diploma is offered to graduates who do not have a first degree in Forestry and are looking to update and retrain, or who are from countries where the forestry degree is less quantitatively oriented than in New Zealand. www.canterbury.ac.nz/postgrad/qualifications/forestry/pgdipfor.shtml
Postgraduate Diploma in Forestry <i>PGDipFor (1 year)</i>	The Diploma is offered to graduates who have the equivalent of a bachelor's degree in either Forestry or a related area of study or a bachelor's or higher degree in other areas and relevant experience in a forestry-related area. www.canterbury.ac.nz/postgrad/qualifications/forestry/diploma.shtml
Master of Forestry Science <i>MForSc</i>	See Page 13 and www.canterbury.ac.nz/postgrad/qualifications/forestry/masters.shtml
PhD	See Page 13 and www.fore.canterbury.ac.nz/research/

Law

The School of Law has built on its strength in the traditional areas of Law in a common Law jurisdiction by introducing innovative optional courses, such as Antarctic Legal Studies, Media Law, Law and Sport, and Intellectual Property. In addition, Canterbury has developed its strengths in International Law, offering a wide range of courses with an international focus.

Qualifications	
Master of Laws LLM	See Page 13 (German students need 7.0 in the First State Exam for consideration for entrance to the LLM programme.) www.canterbury.ac.nz/postgrad/qualifications/law/masters.shtml
Master of Laws (International Law and Politics) <i>LLM(IntLaw&Pols)</i> (minimum one year)	The specialist International Law and Politics LLM is designed for students who have a background in law and who wish to develop their knowledge in international law and politics. www.canterbury.ac.nz/postgrad/qualifications/law/llm_intlawpol.shtml
PhD	See Page 13 and www.laws.canterbury.ac.nz/research.shtml

Music

The School of Music provides students with a stimulating environment in which to study. Along with research activities across the disciplines of musicology, ethnomusicology, music education, composition and performance, the School of Music continues to have strengths in voice, piano and string performance with staff who have high international profiles.

Qualifications	Specialisation
Bachelor of Music with Honours <i>MusB(Hons)</i>	Performance (voice, piano, organ and most orchestral instruments), composition, music history and musicology, ethnomusicology, music education, musicianship skills and conducting. www.canterbury.ac.nz/courses/undergrad/musb.shtml
Master of Music <i>MMus</i>	The degree is taken in either composition or performance and continues the area of specialisation of the Honours degree. www.canterbury.ac.nz/postgrad/qualifications/music/masters.shtml
PhD	See Page 13 and www.music.canterbury.ac.nz/research/index.shtml

Science

The College of Science has a very broad research base including spectroscopy applied to trace analysis (SYFT), NZ's unique ecology, the human geography of exposure to environmental chemicals, protein biochemistry, molecular biology, volcanology, the neurochemistry of psychological processes, bioactive compounds from marine fauna, Antarctica, and food chemistry and toxicology. The University has six field stations including a marine research facility, the country's leading observatory at Mount John and a biological field station in Nigeria. The University is also home to the Nanostructure Engineering Science and Technology group (NEST), a key partner in the MacDiarmid Institute, one of seven New Zealand Centres of Research Excellence.

Qualifications	Specialisations
Graduate Diploma in Science <i>GradDipSc (minimum one year)</i>	Antarctic studies, Applied Psychology, Astronomy, Biochemistry, Biological Sciences, Biotechnology, Cellular and Molecular Biology, Chemistry, Computational and Applied Mathematics, Computer Science, Computer Security and Forensics, Ecology, Economics, Economics and Mathematics, Electronics, Engineering Geology, Environmental Science, Ethics, Finance, Geography, Geology, Hazard & Disaster Management, History and Philosophy of Science, Linguistics, Management Science, Mathematics, Mathematics & Philosophy, Mathematical Physics, Medical Physics, Medical Physics (clinical), Microbiology, Philosophy, Physics, Plant Biology, Psychology, Statistics, Seafood sector: Management and Science, Zoology. <i>* Not all subject areas may be available for all qualifications. Please check graduate and postgraduate qualification websites.</i> www.science.canterbury.ac.nz/
Postgraduate Diploma in Science <i>PGDipSc (1 year)</i>	
Bachelor of Science with Honours <i>BSc(Hons) (1 year)</i>	
Master of Science MSc	See Page 13 and www.canterbury.ac.nz/postgrad/qualifications/science/masters.shtml
PhD	See Page 13 and www.science.canterbury.ac.nz/



Arpan Mandal from India

Master of Engineering in Electrical and Electrical Engineering

Arpan was awarded an NZi3 Master's Scholarship worth \$30,000 by NZi3, the national ICT Innovation Institute based at the University of Canterbury, to complete his Master's project on an aspect of 4G (fourth-generation) mobile communications technology.

Arpan used the funds to conduct research on advancing high-speed wireless broadband technology known as WiMAX. "The technology is not yet fully developed and there are thousands of engineers working on

this worldwide but to our knowledge we are the only academic institution in New Zealand working on this technology" Arpan said.

Arpan completed his undergraduate studies in Engineering Electronics and Communication at Bangalore University in India and returned to study his Masters after six years in industry. His advice to prospective engineering students from India is to "Start your undergraduate studies at the University of Canterbury as the practical work forms an important part of the BE(Hons) and prepares students for a postgraduate qualification and the workforce".

Since graduating with a Master of Engineering Arpan is now employed full time by a leading NZ communications company.

Science – continued

Postgraduate Certificate in Antarctic Studies <i>PGCertAntaStud (14 weeks)</i>	<p>The Certificate in Antarctic Studies exposes students to the major debates and issues about the world's last unspoiled continent. The course includes 10 days of field studies in Antarctica. The programme is limited to twenty participants. Applications close on 1 August.</p> <p>www.canterbury.ac.nz/postgrad/qualifications/science/gradcertantastud.shtml</p>
Postgraduate Diploma in Antarctic Studies <i>PGDipAntaStud (1 year)</i>	<p>The Postgraduate Diploma can be taken as a stand-alone programme or as Part I of the Master of Antarctic Studies.</p> <p>www.canterbury.ac.nz/postgrad/qualifications/science/pgdipantastud.shtml</p>
Master of Antarctic Studies <i>MAntaStud (2 years)</i>	<p>In the first year, students undertake courses in Antarctic Studies together with courses from another approved discipline. In the second year, students complete a thesis on an Antarctic related topic, which may be based on field work in Antarctica undertaken during the summer break at the end of the first year.</p> <p>www.canterbury.ac.nz/postgrad/qualifications/science/mastersantastud.shtml</p>
Postgraduate Diploma in Clinical Psychology <i>(Two years of coursework and at least one year of practical work experience)</i>	<p>Selection for the course is competitive: a maximum of ten people are selected each year. Candidates are required to have an MA, MSc or PhD in Psychology, or BA(Hons) or BSc(Hons) in Psychology. Selection is based on academic record, letters of recommendation, research interests and experience in social service work. Applications close on 30 September.</p> <p>www.canterbury.ac.nz/postgrad/qualifications/science/pgdipclinpsych.shtml</p>
Postgraduate Diploma in Engineering Geology <i>PGDipEngGeol (1 year)</i>	<p>The postgraduate Engineering Geology programme is the only one of its kind in Australasia. It is a strongly applied course focused on career training for practitioners.</p> <p>www.canterbury.ac.nz/postgrad/qualifications/engineering/pdipengeol.shtml</p>
Master of Science (Applied Psychology) <i>MSc (2 years)</i>	<p>The Master of Science in Applied Psychology degree is limited to fifteen students per year. Applications close on 30 November.</p> <p>www.canterbury.ac.nz/postgrad/qualifications/science/mscapplpsych.shtml</p>
Postgraduate Diploma in Industrial & Organisational Psychology <i>PGDipIndOrgPsyc (1 year)</i>	<p>Available to holders of the Master of Science in Applied Psychology degree who have completed APSY 630 and APSY 631. The Diploma involves a minimum of one year of full-time employment in the practice of Industrial and Organisational Psychology, plus written work and assessments.</p> <p>www.canterbury.ac.nz/postgrad/qualifications/science/pgdipindorgpsych.shtml</p>



Tina Schafer from Germany

PhD Speech and Language Therapy

While completing her Diploma in Speech and Language in Germany, Tina visited Canterbury to research the possibility of doing her Master's here. "I was impressed with the openness, friendliness and readiness to help of the International Office and the Communication Disorders Department. I kept in contact with the Head of the Department, who was very supportive at all times. As a result, when I was ready to do my Masters, I did not have to think twice where to go!"

Tina has completed her Master's with excellent results and she is the recipient of a University of Canterbury Doctoral Scholarship and she is thrilled to have the opportunity to continue her studies at UC.

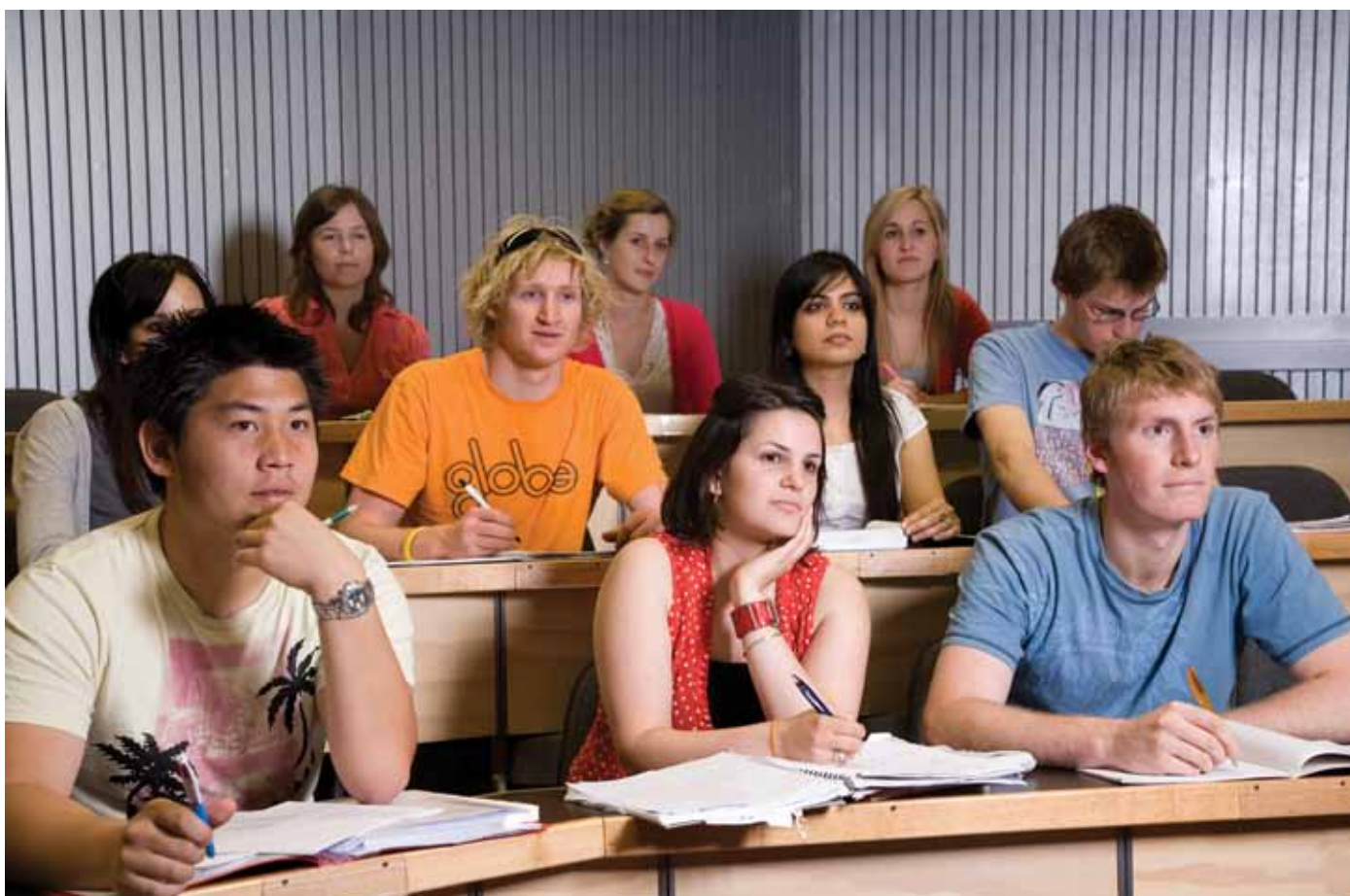
"Clearly the most outstanding quality of Canterbury is the close contact of professors, lecturers and clinical educators with their students. The lectures have a very high standard, are well structured, comprehensive, and include latest research findings."

Tina has thoroughly enjoyed the NZ lifestyle. "I found that New Zealanders are very friendly. Everywhere you go, people are happy to help you." Tina enjoys going on tramps, experiencing nature, and being active. "Within one hour out of Christchurch you are in untouched nature and what I found most astonishing is that there are not many people around. I find balancing long studying hours with being in nature a great way to stay energetic, balanced, motivated, enthusiastic, and focused."

Social Work

The School of Social Work and Human Services is committed to the provision of high quality postgraduate programmes that are diverse, interesting, and relevant to the social environment, locally and globally. As a professional school, it has a dual responsibility to foster academic excellence and to facilitate professional development. Students develop the knowledge, skills, and qualifications required for rewarding professional careers in social work and the human services.

Bachelor of Arts with Honours <i>BA(Hons)</i>	The BA(Hons) programme is designed for students who have completed a first professional qualification in Social Work and wish to undertake further advanced study.
Master of Social Work (Applied) <i>MSW(App)</i>	The MSW(App) is a two-year programme available to graduates with a strong scholastic record who have completed a degree in the social sciences and wish to pursue further study related to the field of social work. The MSW(App) has an emphasis on practice and research and leads to a professional qualification in social work. Limited entry criteria apply
Master of Social Work (by thesis) <i>MSW</i>	The MSW (by thesis) is of particular interest to practitioners with specialist practice, supervisory, management, or policy analysis and development responsibilities
Postgraduate Diploma in Social Work <i>(PGDipSowk)</i>	The focus of the programme is on reflective and research-based practice, working with diverse populations, and developing an understanding of the impact of violence on our communities. Issues relevant to Maori and Pacific peoples are also given prominence
PhD	See page 13 and www.sowk.canterbury.ac.nz/for/sowk-postgrad/phd.shtml



How to become a student at the University of Canterbury

1. You need to decide on the **subject of your interest** and then see if the University offers you a suitable programme of studies. This may be undergraduate studies (first degree) or postgraduate studies (higher degree).

It is your responsibility to ensure that the qualification you wish to apply for is accepted and recognised for employment and professional recognition in your home country.

2. Having decided on your programme of study, you will then need to **apply for admission** (page 21). You will need to show that you have a suitable academic entrance qualification (page 22) for the course of study you wish to take. If English is not your first language you will normally have to provide an English language test score (page 26).

3. You should apply as early as possible to give yourself maximum preparation time for visa, fee payment, travel and accommodation arrangements. It is recommended that undergraduate applications be submitted before 1 November for semester 1 (February) and 1 May for semester 2 (July). Postgraduate applicants should apply at least six months before their intended start date. Check with your nearest NZ immigration office to ascertain the average processing time needed to apply for a student visa. We do of course process applications after the recommended dates, but we cannot guarantee that a decision will be made in time for you to finalise your travel arrangements, taking into account that the processing time for student visa application can vary considerably from country to country. Students applying after the recommended dates should check at www.canterbury.ac.nz/intstud/admissions for current processing times. Masters by research and PhD students can

apply at any time, but they also need to allow sufficient time for the application process to make the necessary travel arrangements.

4. Complete the enclosed application form and post it *with the certified copies of your documents* to the International Admissions Office. Processing time for complete applications will vary from two weeks for undergraduate entry to up to six weeks if credit is required. Make sure that the information you have supplied with your application is complete and correct, or there may be delays while we contact you for the missing information.

5. After processing your application, we will send you a letter. If you are successful, the letter will contain an **offer of a place** for a specific course of studies.

6. If you decide to accept the offer you should pay the **tuition fee** (page 27). The offer letter will contain details of the tuition fee and how to pay. When we receive the tuition fee we will send you an official receipt.

7. The next step is to **apply for a student visa** (page 30). The offer letter will tell you how to contact Immigration New Zealand.

8. Enclosed with the offer of place letter will be information on how you can apply for University accommodation. It is important that you apply early for accommodation. We cannot guarantee that your first accommodation choice will be available if you apply after the closing date.

9. An enrolment pack will be sent to you after you have been offered a place at the University. When you apply to enrol you state the degree and the courses you wish to enrol for. Students planning to undertake study by thesis only should apply for an enrolment date suitable to their department and to themselves.

10. You should book your flights as soon as you receive an offer of a place. If you are arriving in New Zealand for the first time we can arrange for you to be met at the airport and taken to your accommodation. The service is free but must be booked at least one week prior to your departure. To book, please send the following details to the Accommodation Adviser (accommodation@canterbury.ac.nz).

- Student's full name
- Flight arrival date and time to Christchurch
- Airline and full flight number
- Number of passengers to be picked up
- Location of drop off in Christchurch
- Type/amount of luggage (eg suitcases, sports bags, bicycle, skis etc).

For more details see www.canterbury.ac.nz/accom/international/airport_pickup.shtml.

11. For most full year courses, **enrolment is usually completed during the third week of February**. You are required to be present to complete your enrolment and provide evidence of your student permit and medical insurance. The international students' orientation also takes place during this week. Lectures begin the following week.

Some programmes, eg. teacher education programmes, may start earlier. Please check the relevant programme website.

If you are unable to enrol during Enrolment week, you have up until the Friday of the second week of lectures to enrol. However, if you enrol late, you will miss the important introductory lectures and you may incur a late penalty fee.

So, plan to arrive before enrolment. It will also give you time to settle in before lectures start.

(This does not apply to Masters thesis and PhD students as they can enrol any time mutually convenient to them and their supervisors).



Karen Theilade from Denmark

PhD in Sociology and Gender Studies

Karen returned to Canterbury to further her studies towards a PhD after she did her Bachelor of Honours in Sociology at the University of Canterbury and her Masters at the University of Copenhagen. "I decided to return to Canterbury because of my lecturer's extremely high skills and knowledge combined with extraordinary support for all her students, including me."

Once she has completed her studies, Karen intends to return to Denmark and work in an organisation that combines research with providing support for people in the areas relating to gender, sexuality and ethnicity.

"I am therefore delighted to have been appointed as a committee member of the New Zealand Women's Studies Association."

Karen has found the support provided and detailed feedback given on her academic writing to be very helpful. "My PhD supervisors have been extremely supportive and feel personally responsible for my success." In her leisure time, Karen finds walking with friends in the nearby hills and mountains invigorating. She is training for her black belt and teaches karate at a University of Canterbury (Yoshukai) karate club. Karen is also involved in setting up the prize winning 'Victory over Violence' programme at local High Schools.

Applying for Admission

By applying for admission you are asking the University of Canterbury for permission to join a particular study programme. You are also providing evidence of the qualification that entitles you to admission to that programme. You apply by completing the application form enclosed with this booklet and by attaching the certified documents that prove that you have the appropriate qualification for admission, and evidence of your English language proficiency.

There are a number of different programmes and levels at which you can enter a programme. These are:

- admission at entrance level to a bachelor degree
- admission to a certificate of proficiency (a shorter period of study which does not lead to a degree or diploma)
- admission to a graduate diploma or
- admission to a postgraduate degree or diploma.

Admission at Entrance Level

For students from many countries an academic qualification that would qualify the applicant for admission to an accredited university in their home country is sufficient for admission to the University of Canterbury.

However, because education systems vary, and especially because in a number of countries high school education is one year shorter than in New Zealand, some applicants will be required to complete additional study e.g. a Foundation Studies course before being able to study at undergraduate level.

A grant of admission at entrance level does not guarantee a place in a particular course if that course has limitations of entry. Consult the department websites for closing dates for limited entry courses.



Standard Entrance Qualifications for Undergraduate Programmes

Australia Completion of Year 12 with a Tertiary Entrance Rank or Score equivalent to or better than the minimum equivalent New Zealand University Entrance qualification.

Canada Entry requirements for the various provinces in Canada can be found at www.canterbury.ac.nz/intstud/admiss/canada.shtml

China Chinese high school graduation plus 1 year of successful study (70% average) at a recognised Chinese institution towards completion of a four year bachelor degree, or an academic diploma lasting two or more years. Diploma applications are considered on a case by case basis.

Denmark Good grades in the Upper Secondary School Certificate. Students who have achieved a grade 7 or higher in English in the Upper Secondary School Certificate are exempt from taking one of the standard English language tests as proof of their competence in English.

Fiji USP Foundation Year: Good grades in relevant subjects, including at least C in communications skills; or Fiji Form 7 examination with an aggregate over 4 relevant subjects of 250 out of 400 with minimum of 50 in English.

France Baccalauréat Diploma.

Germany Abitur: Students who have achieved a grade of at least 13 in the English language paper of the Abitur examination are exempt from taking one of the standard English language tests as proof of their competence in English.

GCE For 'A' levels taken in countries other than Sri Lanka, applicants must have at least 3 'A' levels all at grade C or above. A result in General Studies cannot be included.

Hong Kong Two HKEA 'A' level passes of which at least one must be at grade C or higher *plus* two passes at AS level.

IB International Baccalaureate Diploma.

India An overall average of 75% in the All-India Senior School Certificate or Higher Secondary School Examination with a minimum of 60% in English or 1 year of successful study at a recognised university in India. Students with other qualifications should seek further information.

Indonesia Normally 1 year of successful study at an Indonesian university. In exceptional cases students who have achieved good grades (8.5 or better) in SMA may be admitted.

Iran High School Diploma with an average grade of 15 or higher and pre-university certificate with an average grade of 12 or higher.

Ireland A Leaving Certificate with passes in five subjects at C level or better in Higher level papers.

Japan Either: (a) 1 year of successful study at a recognised university in Japan; or (b) completion of a junior college diploma of 2 or 3 years' duration; or (c) completion of a High School Diploma with a minimum average of 3.5. (An applicant with a junior college diploma is likely to gain admission to a general degree programme only).

Kenya Either: (a) Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education with a minimum of a B average, or (b) GCE A level - see GCE.

Korea Either: (a) 1 year of successful study at a recognised Korean university or (b) a minimum of 80% in the Korean University Entrance Examination or (c) a diploma of at least 2 years duration in academic subjects from a recognised tertiary institution will be considered on a case by case basis.

Malaysia (a) STPM: 3 passes at Principal level or (b) GCE or (c) UEC: A maximum of 15 points over 6 academic subjects which must include at least 1 of chemistry, physics or advanced mathematics.

Students who have achieved B4 in O level English (1119) are exempt from taking one of the standard English language tests as proof of their competence in English.

Netherlands VWO.

Norway Good grades in Vitnemål fra den Videregående Skole. Students who have achieved 4 or better in English in year 2 leading to the Vitnemål fra den Videregående Skole are exempt from taking one of the standard English language tests as proof of their competence in English.

Oman 1 year of successful study at a recognised University in Oman.

Papua New Guinea See Australia.

Philippines 1 year of successful study at a recognised institution of university standing.

Russia 1 year of successful study at a recognised university in Russia.

Samoa B average over 8 papers in Samoan National University Preparatory year (UPY).

Singapore See GCE.

Students who have achieved a 4 or less in IGCSE English are exempt from taking one of the standard English language tests as proof of their competence in English.

South Africa Matriculation Certificate/Senior Certificate: A minimum aggregate of C with at least a D in English.

South America 1 year of successful study at a recognised university in South America.

Sri Lanka GCE A levels. At least 3 A level passes provided that at least one pass is at grade C or better and that the average over 4 A levels is 45% or better.

Sweden Good grades in the former Swedish School Leaving Certificate (Avgångsbetyg) or VG or MVG in the new Swedish School Leaving Certificate (Slutbetyg Från Gymnasieskola). Students who have achieved VG or MVG in English in either of the School Leaving Certificates are exempt from taking one of the standard English language tests as proof of their competence in English.

Taiwan A satisfactory standard in senior high school and a junior college diploma of at least 2 years' duration; or junior high school and a 5 year junior college diploma; or 1 year of successful study at a recognised institution of university standing.

Thailand 1 year of successful study at a recognised university in Thailand.

Turkey 1 year of successful study at a recognised university in Turkey.

UAE 1 year of successful study at a recognised university in UAE.

United Kingdom See GCE. Conditional offer can be given on forecast results. Apply directly to the University of Canterbury, not through UCAS.

U.S.A. Either (a) High school diploma **and** SAT 1 result of at least 1600 **or** a composite ACT score of 24 or better (b) General Education development certificate (GED) with a score of at least 50 in each test **and** SAT 1 result of at least 1600 **or** a composite ACT score of 24 or better or (c) Advanced Placement International Diploma with grades of 3 or higher in each of at least 4 subjects.

(SAT 1 scores below 1600 may be considered on a case by case basis).

Vietnam 1 year of successful study at a recognised Vietnamese university.

If your country or qualification is not on the list, or if you need further detail, please contact the International Admissions Officer for advice.

Admission to a Certificate of Proficiency

The University welcomes students coming for a year or a semester and taking their credits back as part of a degree at their home university. All students need to take care to negotiate with their home university before they enrol at Canterbury, to ensure that our courses will transfer for credit. Full timetable details by course and semester are available on the University website. When selecting courses, students need to check that the courses they intend to take are offered in the semester they plan to attend.

To apply for a Certificate of Proficiency, students need to submit a completed application form together with an academic transcript from their home university (plus evidence of English language proficiency where applicable). Students must seek permission to enrol in courses above 100 level and limited entry courses. Students who complete a Certificate of Proficiency must make their own arrangements for the transfer of credit back to their own university. Certificate of Proficiency courses can only be credited to a University of Canterbury degree at a later stage if certain conditions were fulfilled at the time of taking the course.

Our Study Abroad prospectus is available on request.

Graduate/Postgraduate Admission

Graduates who intend to apply for graduate or postgraduate programmes should provide evidence of their graduation (or eligibility to graduate) as well as their academic transcripts.

Good grades in an undergraduate degree from an internationally recognised university are required for admission to a postgraduate degree. Normally the field of study in the postgraduate course should be the same as for the undergraduate degree. Some students may be required to undertake a bridging or qualifying course before being admitted to a postgraduate programme. Applicants for PhD programmes require an honours or Masters degree with high grades.

Postgraduate research students need to send, with their application, details of their proposed area of research and some background of any previous research or publications if appropriate. This will be helpful for the department to assess whether they can provide suitable supervision.



PhD and final year Masters candidates may begin their studies here at any time with the approval of their supervisor.

Admission with Credit

If you wish to apply for admission to the University of Canterbury and transfer credit towards a Bachelor's degree from your overseas qualification, you are required to apply first for admission at entrance level and then secondly for transfer of credit.

You may submit both applications together, although your application for admission at entrance level will be processed first, to ensure that your 'offer of place' letter can be sent to you as quickly as possible.

The credit application form can be downloaded at www.canterbury.ac.nz/intstud/admiss/credit.shtml or by requesting a form from our International office.

There is an application fee of NZ\$60 for credit. In addition to an academic transcript which lists the subjects studied and the grades achieved, students applying for admission with credit towards their proposed course of studies must provide:

- details of the **content of the courses** shown in the transcripts.
- information about the **structure of the degree** in order that the appropriate credit towards the University of Canterbury degree may be calculated.

This information may be found in the calendar, catalogue or handbook of the applicant's university.

Certificates and Transcripts

Important! Only originals or certified true copies of academic certificates and transcripts will be accepted as evidence for the purposes of admission. Faxed, scanned or e-mailed documents will not be accepted as original or certified copies. If English translations are necessary they should be certified translations.

Documents may be certified as true copies by a justice of the peace, or a notary public, or a solicitor, or an official of the institution that issued the document. Students who have changed their names since gaining their qualification must provide evidence (such as a deed poll or marriage certificate) that they are the people referred to in the documents submitted.

Reciprocal Exchange Programmes

The University of Canterbury has a number of reciprocal exchange agreements with universities in North America, Europe and Asia. International students enrolled in a degree programme are eligible to apply to spend a semester or a year at one of our overseas partner universities as part of their Canterbury undergraduate degree.

English Language Requirements

If you are applying for admission to the University of Canterbury on the basis of a non-New Zealand qualification you must provide evidence that you have reached a satisfactory level of proficiency in the English language.

- Examples of satisfactory evidence include:
- a completed academic qualification in an English speaking country
- completion of the Certificate of English for Tertiary Studies (Undergraduate or Postgraduate streams) offered by the University of Canterbury. www.uco.canterbury.ac.nz/bridging/cert/
- International English Language Testing System (IELTS - Academic)
- Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL)
- Cambridge English Test
- Advanced Placement International English Language Test (APIEL)
- Faxed, scanned or e-mailed documents will not be accepted as original or certified copies.

Language Tests

The minimum scores to qualify for admission for each test are stated below. Please note that some programmes require higher test scores than the specified minimums; these programmes include (but are not limited to):
 Postgraduate study in Accounting and Information Systems: overall IELTS score of 7.0 (with a minimum score of 7.0 in each band).



Undergraduate and postgraduate teacher education: Overall IELTS score of 7.0 (with a minimum score of 7.0 in each band). For teacher education, IELTS is the only accepted proof of English language proficiency.

Some of the Colleges at UC require a B grade in the CertETS for postgraduate study. Please check with the International Office.

The aim of the English language requirement is to ensure your success at university. The levels stated are the minimum at which we would be confident of your successfully completing your course here. Our recommendation is that students spend as much time in English language preparation as they can. You will not be sorry!

Note: In some cases students who can demonstrate successful previous study in an English speaking environment (for example students from Scandinavia who have achieved high grades in their final year of English at high school) may be exempted from a formal English language test. Inquire for further details.

More information at www.canterbury.ac.nz/intstud/admiss/english.shtml

TOEFL

Details of testing centres and test dates can be found on the TOEFL website, www.toefl.org. You should specify the University of Canterbury as the institution to which the score reports will be sent. Our Institution Code is 9482. Do not specify a university department.

Paper-Based test

You must ensure that the Test of Written English (TWE) is also being offered at the same time as the paper-based TOEFL test. Information Bulletins on the TOEFL/TWE tests are available from the designated office for your country or from: The Educational Testing Service, P.O. Box 6151, Princeton, New Jersey 08541-6151, USA.

Internet-Based Test (iBT)

If you wish to take this test, you should contact the Regional Registration Centre (RRC) for your country for a TOEFL Information Bulletin and apply for a test date. Addresses of RRCs may be found on the TOEFL web site, www.toefl.org

Evidence of English language proficiency can be no more than 2 years old.

Acceptable English Language Test Scores (Undergraduate)	Overall (minimum)	Section Scores (minimum)				TWE/Essay (preferred)
		Reading	Writing	Speaking	Listening	
IELTS (academic)	6	6	6	6	6	N/A
TOEFL Paper based (PBT)+ TWE	550	-	-	-	-	4.5
TOEFL Internet based (iBT)	80	19	19	-	19	N/A
Cambridge CPE	C					
Cambridge CAE	A					
Cert ETS	C					
APIEL	3					

Acceptable English Language Test Scores (Postgraduate)	Overall (minimum)	Section Scores (minimum)				TWE/Essay (preferred)
		Reading	Writing	Speaking	Listening	
IELTS (academic)	7	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.5	N/A
TOEFL Paper based (PBT)+ TWE	600	-	-	-	-	5
TOEFL Internet based (iBT)	100	23	22	-	23	N/A
Cambridge CPE	B					
Cert ETS	C					
APIEL	4					

Costs

Tuition Fees

The tuition fee must be paid in full before or at enrolment. Normally this is the tuition fee for one academic year. Students who enrol for less than one year pay an appropriate tuition fee for the period. Current tuition fees are listed on the application materials included with this prospectus and on the website.

Tuition fees paid in advance of enrolment will be refunded if the student does not enrol.

International PhD students pay tuition fees at the domestic rate provided that they reside in New Zealand and study under a New Zealand visa.

Australian students are permitted to pay the domestic student tuition fee, provided they study in New Zealand.

Current domestic fees are listed on the application form and can be viewed at www.canterbury.ac.nz/enrol/fees/

Students undertaking a course of more than one year should be aware the fees are reviewed annually and that they may be increased. Historically this has been between 3–6%.

Please note that an application for admission is not an application for funding. If granted admission, students need to arrange funding to cover tuition fees, living expenses and other costs. An offer of a place is issued for admission purposes and does not imply or guarantee funding for studies. For information about scholarships see page 33.

Payment of Fees

International Transactions

The University accepts several methods of payment:

- Bank Transfer - The University has developed a system whereby funds can be transferred in an efficient and secure way from outside New Zealand to one of the University's Travelex accounts. Details will be sent with your invoice.
- Credit Card (MasterCard or Visa) – A credit card authorisation form is available on our website.
- Cheque, Draft or Money Order – While NZ dollars drawn on a NZ bank are preferred, a cheque in US dollars drawn on a US bank or in Australian dollars drawn on an Australian bank is also accepted. Other foreign currencies and Eurocheques are not accepted.

The University can only accept funds equal to the amount on the invoice. If you wish to transfer extra money for living expenses we recommend you open your own bank account in New Zealand. To open a student bank account you will need to have either applied for or have been issued with a student visa. Contact the International Office for information on how to open a bank account or go to www.canterbury.ac.nz/intstud/costs/payment.shtml

New Zealand Transactions

- by MasterCard or Visa – please provide your card number and its expiry date
- by bank transfer – please refer to www.canterbury.ac.nz/intstud/costs/payment.shtml

Living Expenses

Living expenses will vary depending upon your accommodation and lifestyle choices. The following are some guidelines and things to consider when budgeting for these items.

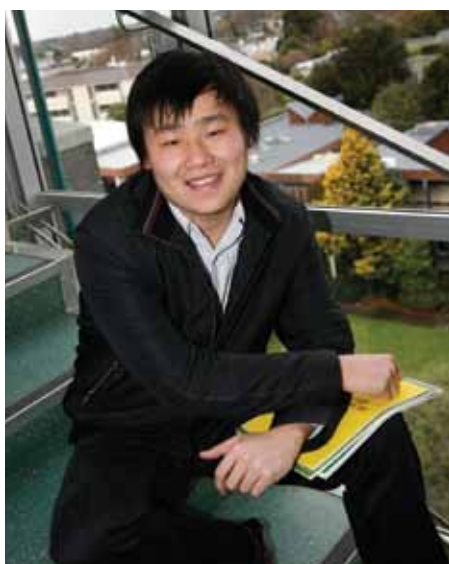
When you apply for a student visa, Immigration New Zealand (INZ) requires proof that you have at least NZ \$10,000 for living expenses. We recommend however that a single student should in general budget for between NZ \$300 and \$350 per week for general living expenses; that is NZ\$12,000–\$14,000 from mid February to mid November. If you decide to stay during the summer holidays (mid November to mid February) you will need to budget accordingly. Air fares are of course additional to this.

Books and stationery costs will vary with the course, ranging from NZ\$500 - \$1,000 in the first year, increasing in subsequent years for certain courses, notably Engineering.

In addition Engineering, Forestry, Geology and Fine Arts students should expect to pay up to NZ\$1,000 per year for extra course costs such as practical courses and field trips.

Students from tropical countries may require an additional sum of NZ\$600 - \$800 for warm clothing during their first year of study.

www.canterbury.ac.nz/intstud/costs/



Jia Chen from China

BCom Hons (Accountancy, Finance and Information Systems)

Jia Chen completed his Bachelor of Commerce with Honours with excellent grades. He has already accepted a graduate position in New Zealand with an international accounting company.

Jia says that with the entrance of China into the WTO in 2000, China had to bring its accountancy practices into line with the rest of the world. "By studying in New Zealand, I am in a very good position should I ever return to China as I am now one step ahead of those who chose to stay".

Hailing from Suzhu in China Jia says the differences in New Zealand are huge, but that it has in no way held him back. Invaluable to his academic achievement were the English language skills he learnt through the University of Canterbury's English language programme. "Commerce is all about communicating with people and knowing how to communicate complex accounting methodology is essential" he says.

On why he chose to come to UC, Jia says "I came to UC because it has a very good name in China and Christchurch offers a fantastic student environment. The honours programme was particularly rewarding in terms of working closely with lecturers and researchers along with fellow students."

Students with a disability

Students who have a disability will be provided with appropriate study supports where resources permit. However, it may be the case that some high cost support needs are beyond the resources of the University to fund and will therefore become the responsibility of the student. If you have a disability that requires support needs please contact Disabilities Support Services at disabilities@canterbury.ac.nz to assess your needs and determine whether the University is able to fund or provide the support required.

Employment

International students on programmes of two years or more duration may, under the current immigration regulations, be granted permission to work up to 20 hours per week during the academic year. International students who wish to work during the summer holidays (November to February) are required to apply for a work variation to their student permit from Immigration New Zealand.

International students need to bear in mind that employment is not always easy to find, even for NZ students, and it is not possible to fully support oneself by working.

This is not intended to discourage you! But it is important to be realistic about the cost of study and living in New Zealand. We want you to be able to put all your energy into your studies, rather than having to worry about money.

Medical and Travel Insurance

All international students must have appropriate and current Medical and Travel Insurance approved before they can enrol and study at the University of Canterbury. This is a requirement of the New Zealand Government.

If students have not purchased approved insurance in advance, they will be required to purchase the default insurance policy (Studentsafe-University) at enrolment.

Note: Every student intending to enrol at the University is covered by the StudentSafe-University policy from the time they leave home (up to 31 days prior to enrolment), even though they only pay their premium when they arrive.

In order that we can be confident that students are fully protected and cared for during their travel and time in New Zealand, the University has specific minimum requirements that must be covered in the insurance policy. In addition to Studentsafe-University, there are a number of other approved policies. Details of these policies and the minimum requirements can be found on the University website at www.canterbury.ac.nz/intstud/insurance. This site also contains a list of overseas policies that have been assessed, and either approved or disallowed.

If students wish to purchase insurance before they leave home, they must either present a policy that is on our "approved policy" list or they need to send full details of their policy to the International Office at least 4 weeks before arrival to be assessed.

Eligibility for Health Services

Most international students are not entitled to publicly funded health services while in New Zealand. If you receive medical treatment during your visit, you 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 (ACC) provides accident insurance for all New Zealand citizens, residents and temporary visitors to New Zealand, but you 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

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



Paul Moth from the US

MSc Geography

Paul has been interested in Geography since High School and felt New Zealand would be a great place to continue his studies in environmental science. As he enjoys outdoor activities, he chose Canterbury for its location – convenient to the mountains and ocean. "There are camping and fishing areas an hour's drive from Christchurch. If there is snow forecast, I can be at the ski fields in an hour and a half."

He says the focus on environmental issues at Canterbury provides unlimited opportunities for students in the Geography department.

"I really enjoy courses geared towards environmental health. I have the opportunity of doing my thesis research in the only

GeoHealth laboratory in New Zealand, thanks to the Ministry of Health."

He has been impressed with the diversity of studies within the Geography department at the University of Canterbury and the expertise of the many professors in their particular fields. He says "Due to New Zealand's unique stance on environmental conservation and management, there seem to be a lot more 'hands-on' opportunities while studying as well as career opportunities for graduates within New Zealand or abroad."

"Why would you go out of state when you could pay just as much and go out of country? A Study Abroad programme provides an easy, affordable way to see a beautiful country such as New Zealand."



Student Visas

To apply for a student visa you will need to provide the following to Immigration New Zealand:

- a completed and signed "Application to Study in New Zealand"
- your offer of a place letter
- your tuition fee receipt
- a passport sized photograph
- your completed "Financial Undertaking for a Student" form
- the application fee (see www.immigration.govt.nz for the current application fee)
- a passport valid beyond the period of study for which tuition has been paid.

In addition, if your course of study is likely to be longer than 12 months you will need to provide:

- a completed Immigration New Zealand medical and X-ray certificate and,
- a police certificate from your country of citizenship (if you are over 17 years of age).

Acceptance by the University does not guarantee that Immigration New Zealand will issue you a student visa.

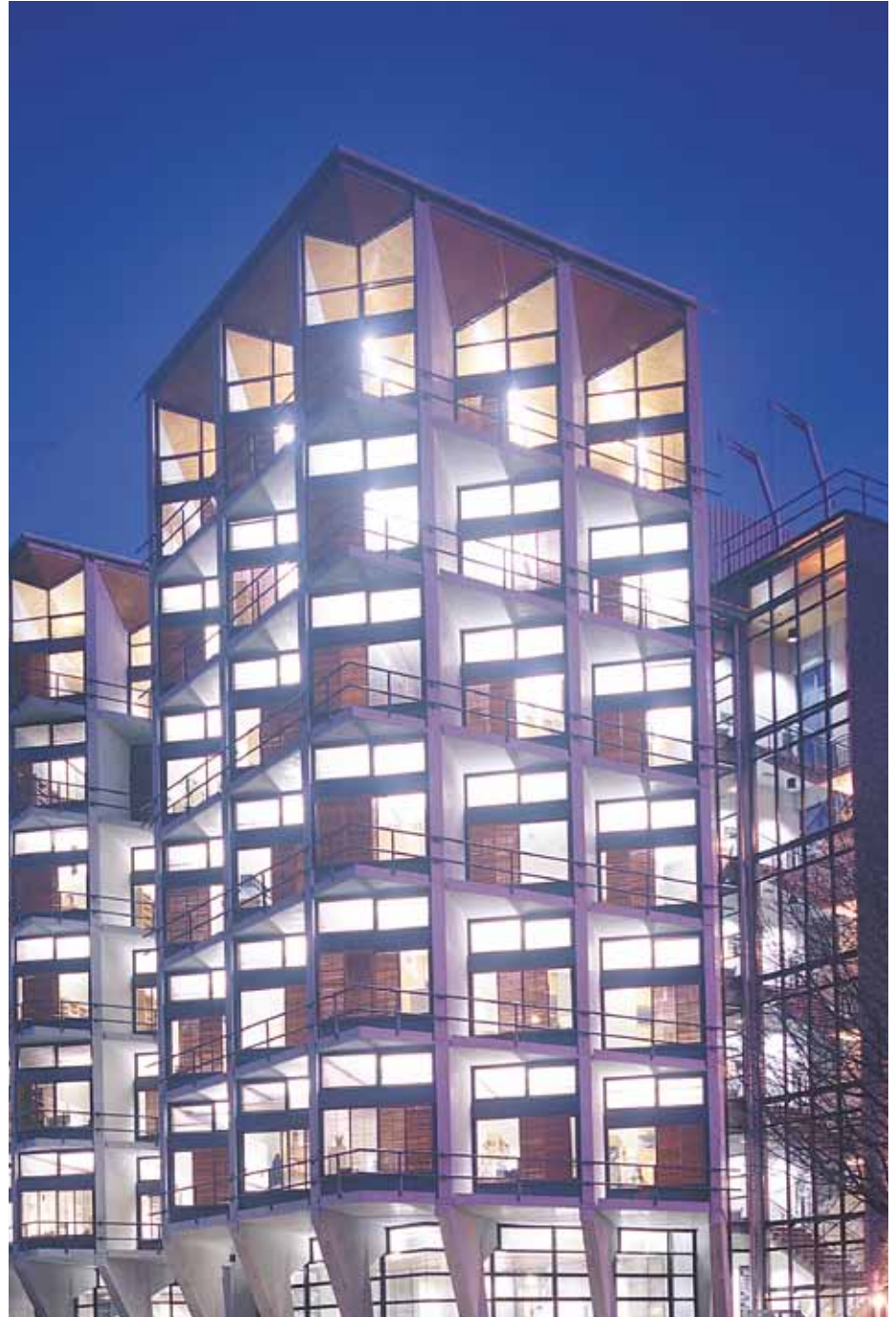
Once you arrive in New Zealand on a student visa, Immigration New Zealand will issue you with a student permit. A student permit is only issued for a full-time course of studies.

Immediate families and dependents of married students may be granted a visitor's visa for the period of study. This permits short periods of study (up to 3 months) but not employment. Availability of money for living costs for the family during the period of study is normally a key factor in the issuing of family visas.

Students from countries whose citizens are entitled to enter New Zealand without a visa may exchange their visitor's permit for a student permit after they have enrolled at the University. For students applying for a visa from offshore, the University's offer of place letter and a fees receipt are essential for a student permit to be granted.

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



Accommodation

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

- Halls of Residence – both catered (meals provided) and self-catered (meals not provided)
- Private Renting in Houses or Flats (Apartments)
- Homestay (Private Board).

To help students settle in to New Zealand life as quickly as possible, all new individual international students (not students with families or partners) over the age of 18 years are guaranteed an offer of a single room on a 42 week contract in one of UC Accommodation's self-catered apartments. This offer is for the academic year from February through to December. Applications received between 1 August and 1 December are eligible for the guaranteed offer; however applications received after 1 December will be offered accommodation subject to availability.

All international students who will be under 18 years of age when they start their study should apply for *homestay* accommodation.

Review the accommodation options below before deciding which accommodation option would suit you.

Halls of Residence

All UC halls are located on-campus and living in a hall of residence is a great way for you 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. Please note: All on-campus accommodation has male and female students on mixed floors. Students who prefer single-sex accommodation should request this at the time of application.

Visit www.canterbury.ac.nz/accom/halls for more information about each of UC's halls of residence. At the time of publication not all Halls had set their fees for 2010; however once confirmed, all fees will be available on the above website.

Hall Options

Self-Catered Accommodation:

The Ilam Apartments are self-catered apartments offering independent living with the bonus of living on-campus in a secure and supportive study environment. Residents



have their own fully-furnished bedroom with internet access and each apartment has a kitchen equipped with the basic essentials for students to be able to make their own meals. If they choose, residents also have the option of purchasing either a full meal plan or casual meals at the University Hall dining room, located only a few minutes walk away.

The cost for self-catered accommodation in a six-bedroom apartment in 2009 started at NZ\$7,140 for 42 weeks.

All new individual international students over the age of 18 years can apply for the guaranteed offer of a room in UC Accommodation's self-catered apartments by completing the required steps outlined in the 'offer of a place' sent by UC's International Office by 1 December (applications received after this date will be offered accommodation subject to availability).

Semi-Catered Accommodation:

Sonoda Christchurch Campus is a small, friendly, modern hall of residence situated within a beautiful Japanese-style garden setting. Each five bedroom fully-furnished apartment has bathroom facilities and a newly renovated kitchen/living room. Residents are able to prepare their own breakfast and lunch, but also have the benefit of a hot and nutritious meal every night on site in the Hinoki Dining Room.

The residential fees for Sonoda Christchurch Campus in 2009 were NZ\$9,640 for 40 weeks.

Fully-Catered Accommodation:

The fully-catered halls of residence at UC are Bishop Julius Hall, College House, Rochester and Rutherford Hall and University Hall. Mainly suitable for first-year students (18-19 years old), they provide fully-furnished single rooms, computer facilities with University network and internet access, social and recreation facilities, study rooms, and three meals a day, seven days a week.

Fees for catered halls of residence in 2009 ranged from NZ\$10,100 – \$12,400 for 33-40 weeks (depending on the hall).

Each hall offers a contract that runs the length of the academic year (February – November). However, during mid-semester and mid-year holidays within the academic year, some halls may be booked by conference groups and will be closed to most students. It may be possible to stay on during these times, but you will need to check with your Head of Hall in advance.

Applying to a Hall of Residence

- (a) If you are a new international student wishing to apply for the guaranteed offer of a room in one of UC Accommodation's self-catered apartments, you must complete the required steps outlined in the offer of a place, sent from the University's International Office, by 1 December (applications received after this date will be offered accommodation subject to availability). Please see www.canterbury.ac.nz/accom/international/new_intl.shtml for more details.
- (b) For applications to Bishop Julius Hall, College House, Rochester and Rutherford Hall, University Hall or Sonoda Christchurch Campus there are two compulsory steps. You will need to complete the Online Application Form and have a 'Common Confidential Reference form' completed by a referee. Please see the website www.canterbury.ac.nz/accom/halls for more details.

Please note that applications for all halls of residence are due on:

- 1 October 2009 (for the full year and first semester)*
- 1 June 2010 (for the second semester).

** An extension until 1 December is available for new international students who wish to accept the guaranteed offer of a place at one of UC Accommodation's self-catered apartments. Applications received after 1 December will be offered accommodation only subject to availability*

Enquiries and applications should be made as early as possible. Late applications will be considered, only if places are available. If you should miss out on a place in the halls of residence, the Accommodation Office can assist with arranging homestay accommodation for you, or advise you of other accommodation options.

Private Renting in Houses or Flats (Apartments)

Private renting (or 'Flatting') means that you either live by yourself or share a house or apartment with other people and you are all responsible for paying the bills, cooking meals, doing your own laundry and other household chores. For couples, students with families or any individual student who does not want to live in the apartments on-campus, there is a good selection of affordable rental accommodation throughout the Christchurch city.

Rents for a single student room in a house or flat in Christchurch, with shared bathroom and kitchen facilities, range from NZ\$100 upwards per room per week, plus 'expenses' (power and phone etc).

If you intend to privately rent an apartment or house to share with your friends and have never done this before in New Zealand, please read the following very carefully:

If you choose this type of accommodation for your stay in New Zealand, you will need to arrive early to allow time to find your own apartment. You will need to arrange temporary accommodation (for example a motel or backpackers) for up to two weeks to give you time to find a suitable apartment. The Accommodation Office maintains a database of 'Flatmates Wanted' and 'Properties Available' and a list of other resources you can use to search for a house on the internet at www.canterbury.ac.nz/accom/flattening/index.shtml. Ensure that you view the property personally before signing an agreement.

Many properties come unfurnished, so you will need to include this expense in your initial budget. You will also usually be asked to pay at least 2 weeks' rent in advance when you sign up for an apartment and to pay a bond of 2-4 weeks' rent. Your landlord must give you a receipt for the bond money you pay them. You should complete and sign a 'bond lodgement form' then your landlord will send it to the Department of Building and Housing – a Government agency. At the end of the tenancy, if you have not caused any damage or loss (like not paying your rent), you apply for your bond to be refunded. If you have caused damage, all or some of your bond will be paid to the landlord to cover repairs or rent.

Be aware of the agreement you sign – there are two types of tenancy: fixed-term agreements and periodic agreements. If you are unsure how long you will be staying, do not sign a fixed-

term agreement as you are not able to leave before the agreed date. You are liable for the rent payments for the entire agreement whether you are in the property or not.

Make sure you do a property inspection before you agree to rent. On the agreement, make a list of all the faults on the property, so that at the end of your tenancy you are not charged for damage done by previous tenants. **Do not sign anything unless you are sure you understand it.**

Ask for advice from the International Accommodation Adviser, an International Student Adviser at the University, someone at Tenants Protection Association (phone 379 2297), or the Department of Building and Housing (free phone in New Zealand 0800 83 62 62).

The following website has very helpful information on renting and your rights as a tenant in New Zealand:

www.tenancy.govt.nz/tenants-index

Homestay (Private Board)

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 average cost for homestay accommodation with a family in a private home is NZ\$210-230 per person per week plus an initial placement fee. The fee covers three meals per day, a furnished room, power and local phone calls.

The Accommodation Office uses two homestay agencies to place students. They offer quality host families, each one having been through an extensive screening process to ensure they are suitable to host our 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.

For more information please contact the International Accommodation Adviser or visit www.canterbury.ac.nz/accom/homestay.shtml

Couples and students with families

Unfortunately UC has very limited accommodation on-campus for couples or students with families. If you are coming to UC with a partner or with your family, typically you will need to find private rental accommodation

off-campus. See the 'Private Renting' section or visit www.canterbury.ac.nz/accom/families.shtml for more information.

Arriving at Christchurch Airport

If you are arriving in New Zealand for the first time, with advanced notification the University can arrange to have you picked up from the airport and delivered to your accommodation. Please see page 22, point 10 or www.canterbury.ac.nz/accom/international/index.shtml for further details.

Accommodation assistance

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

The University of Canterbury Accommodation Office provides assistance with and advice on:

- accommodation options for prospective students and their families
- the application process for the halls of residence
- the costs associated with living away from home
- flatting, including a searchable flatting database
- landlord and tenancy issues
- airport pickups for international students.

Please note the information in this prospectus about the cost of accommodation is approximate and may change before a student enrolls.

Remember: Don't leave your enquiry until the last minute! If you do, your accommodation options will be limited.

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Fax: +64 364 2940

Website: www.canterbury.ac.nz/accom

Financial assistance

International PhD students are eligible to pay tuition fees at the domestic rate provided that they reside in New Zealand and study under a New Zealand visa. Australian students admitted at any level are permitted to pay the domestic student tuition fee, provided that they study in New Zealand.

Current domestic fees are listed on the application form and can be viewed at www.canterbury.ac.nz/enrol/costs.shtml

There are number of scholarship opportunities available to international postgraduate students, either through the University of Canterbury or through the New Zealand Government.

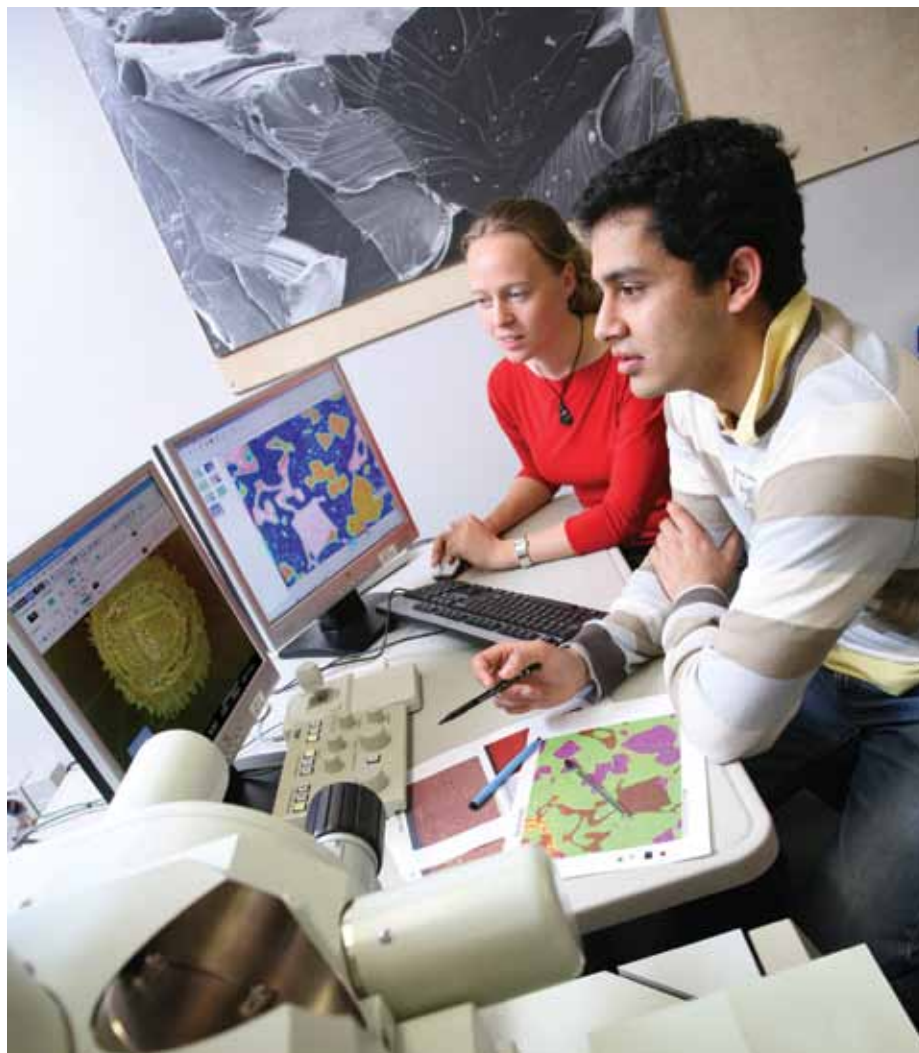
If you are consistently achieving A grades or the equivalent, we recommend that you consider the following scholarships, which pay a significant proportion of the cost of studying at the University of Canterbury.

Scholarships funded by the University of Canterbury

The University of Canterbury offers a number of scholarships for study towards a PhD degree or for the thesis year of a Masters degree. There is strong competition for these scholarships and applicants must have gained at least a first class honours degree, or the equivalent, for it to be worth applying. To be considered for a UC Masters or Doctoral scholarship, in addition to submitting a scholarship application form, a complete application for admission should be made before or at the same time as the scholarship application is made. If admission has not been approved by prescribed dates, the scholarship application will not be considered.

University of Canterbury Doctoral Scholarships

- Payment of the tuition fees at the domestic rate
- A living allowance of \$20,000 per annum, paid monthly. The living allowance should be adequate to meet expenses of a single student.



A proportion of these scholarships are reserved for international students. These scholarships do not cover airfares and other incidental expenses. There are two application rounds per year.

Applications close on 15 May and 15 October each year.

International Doctoral Scholarship (for international students only)

- Payment of the tuition fees at the domestic rate
- A living allowance of \$25,000 per annum, paid monthly
- An economy return airfare.

Applications from international students for the University of Canterbury Doctoral Scholarships are also considered for these higher value awards. A separate application is not required.

University of Canterbury Masters Scholarships

- Payment of the tuition fees at the domestic rate for up to 1 year (full time)
- Significant additional funding of NZ\$15,000 - \$20,000 depending on the programme would still be required to meet the full international tuition fee
- A living allowance of \$12,000 per annum, paid monthly. The living allowance will need to be supplemented by the student.

A proportion of these scholarships are reserved for international students. These scholarships do not cover airfares or other incidental expenses.

Applications close on 15 May and 15 October each year.

College Doctoral and Masters Scholarships

A number of Doctoral and Masters Scholarships are reserved for students enrolling in Business and Economics, Education and Law. Candidates apply for the standard Doctoral and Masters Scholarships, but may be required to provide additional supporting information.

- Doctoral: NZ\$20,000 per annum plus domestic tuition fees for up to 3 years (full time)
- Masters: NZ\$12,000 plus domestic tuition fees for up to 1 year (full time)

Eligibility: Enrolling or enrolled in PhD or Masters degree at the University of Canterbury. The Masters degree must include a research component equivalent to at least 75% of the full time course of study.

Applications close 15 May and 15 October each year.

NZi3 Doctoral and Masters Scholarships and Research Awards

These scholarships are offered by NZi3, the national ICT Innovation Institute based at the University of Canterbury for the purpose of research in the field of ICT, either in conjunction with a company or with the intention of developing and commercialising a product.

- Doctoral: NZ\$30,000 per annum (including domestic tuition fees) for up to 3 years (full time)
- Masters: NZ\$30,000 per annum (including domestic tuition fees) for up to 1 year (full time)
- Research Award: an award of up to NZ\$5,000 per annum to supplement another scholarship up to the value of the NZi3 Doctoral or Masters Scholarships.

Applications close 15 May and 15 October each year.

Information and application forms for University of Canterbury Scholarships are available from the Scholarship Office, University of Canterbury, Private Bag 4800, Christchurch 8140, or from the Scholarships website at www.canterbury.ac.nz/scholarships/ approximately two months prior to the relevant application round.

Scholarships funded by the New Zealand Government

Commonwealth Scholarships

The New Zealand Vice-Chancellors' Committee offers a limited number of scholarships to graduates of other Commonwealth countries under the Commonwealth Scholarship and Fellowship Plan. Prospective applicants should obtain information from their own universities.

Applications normally close about June for the following academic year.

New Zealand International Undergraduate Fees Scholarships (NZIUFS)

International Undergraduate Fees Scholarships (NZIUFS) are a significant educational opportunity.

The Scholarships provide financial support by way of international tuition fees for eligible students from designated localities undertaking undergraduate study at New Zealand universities. Scholarships are awarded on the basis of academic merit.

Eligibility, application forms, closing dates, etc can be found at www.newzealandeducated.com/scholarships/

The New Zealand International Doctoral Research Scholarships (NZIDRS)

The New Zealand International Doctoral Research Scholarships provide financial support for postgraduate students who are seeking doctoral degrees by research in New Zealand universities.

The Scholarship covers tuition fees, a basic living allowance, travel allowance, medical insurance, some arrival costs, and a book and thesis allowance.

Eligibility, application forms, closing dates etc. are available from the Education New Zealand website: www.newzealandeducated.com/scholarships/

If you are unable to access the electronic version of the application form, you can request a hard copy from the Scholarships Office, University of Canterbury, Private Bag 4800, Christchurch 8140, New Zealand or scholarships@canterbury.ac.nz

New Zealand Development Scholarships (NZDS) – open category

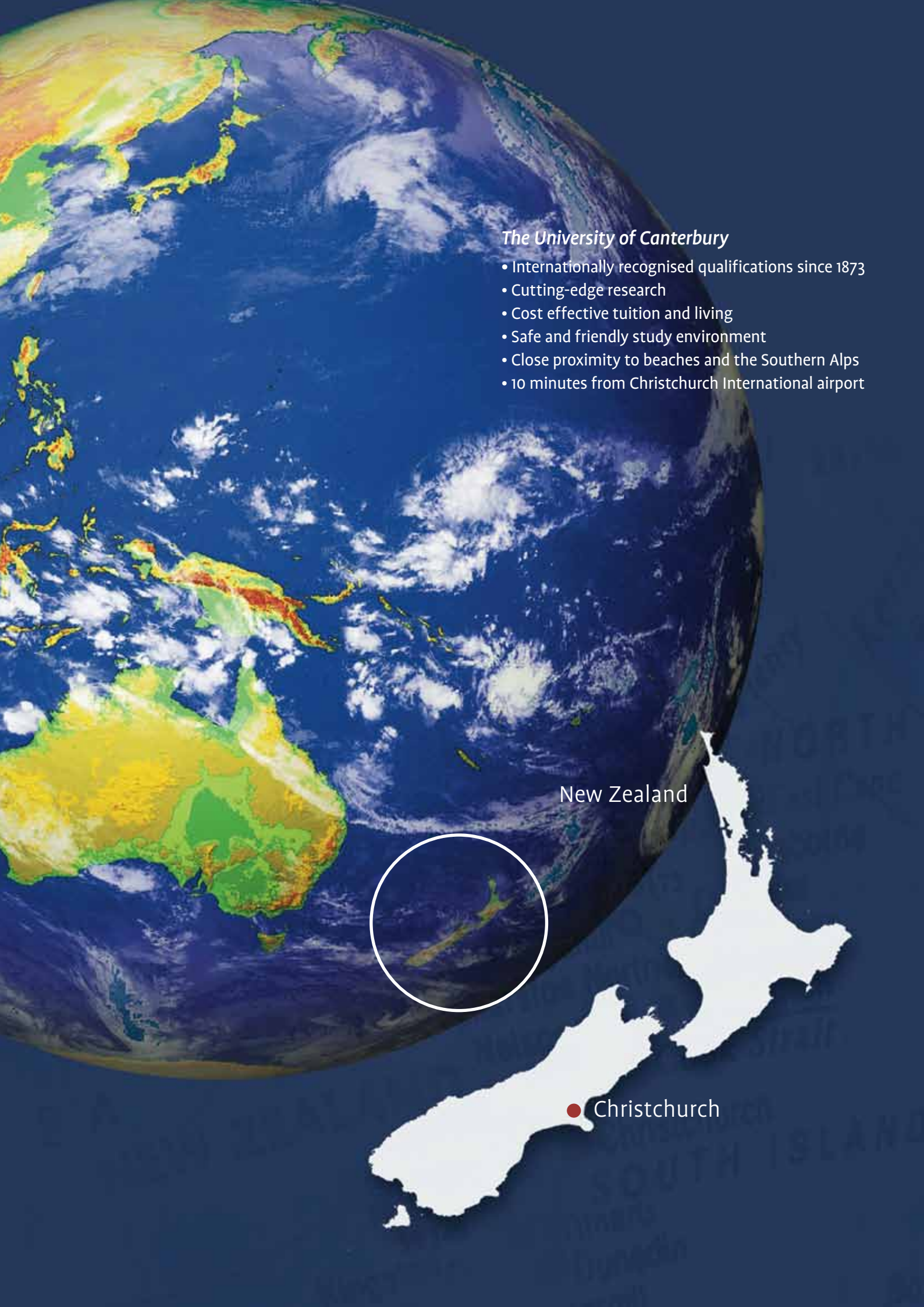
The New Zealand Government through NZAID offers scholarships to citizens of selected developing countries to undertake postgraduate study* in specific areas identified as relevant to the student's home country.

These Scholarships are highly competitive and only a few are granted to students of the University of Canterbury each year.

The scholarship covers tuition fees, return economy airfare, a basic living allowance, some arrival costs, and medical insurance. Limited assistance may be available for dependents in New Zealand for students with courses of study 18 months or longer. A condition of accepting the scholarship is that all scholarship recipients must return to their home country for at least two years on completion of the scholarship. Eligibility, application forms, closing dates etc. are available from the NZAID website: www.nzaid.govt.nz/scholarships/nzds

The NZDS (Open) application must be accompanied by a completed admission application form, unless you have already applied for admission to the University of Canterbury. Please ensure all required documentation is included before submitting your application. Incomplete applications will not be considered for the scholarship.

**Applicants from the Marshall Islands, Palau and the Federation States of Micronesia may apply to study at undergraduate level.*



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