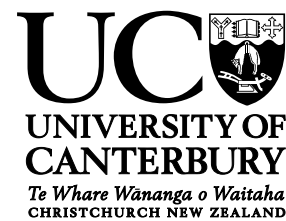
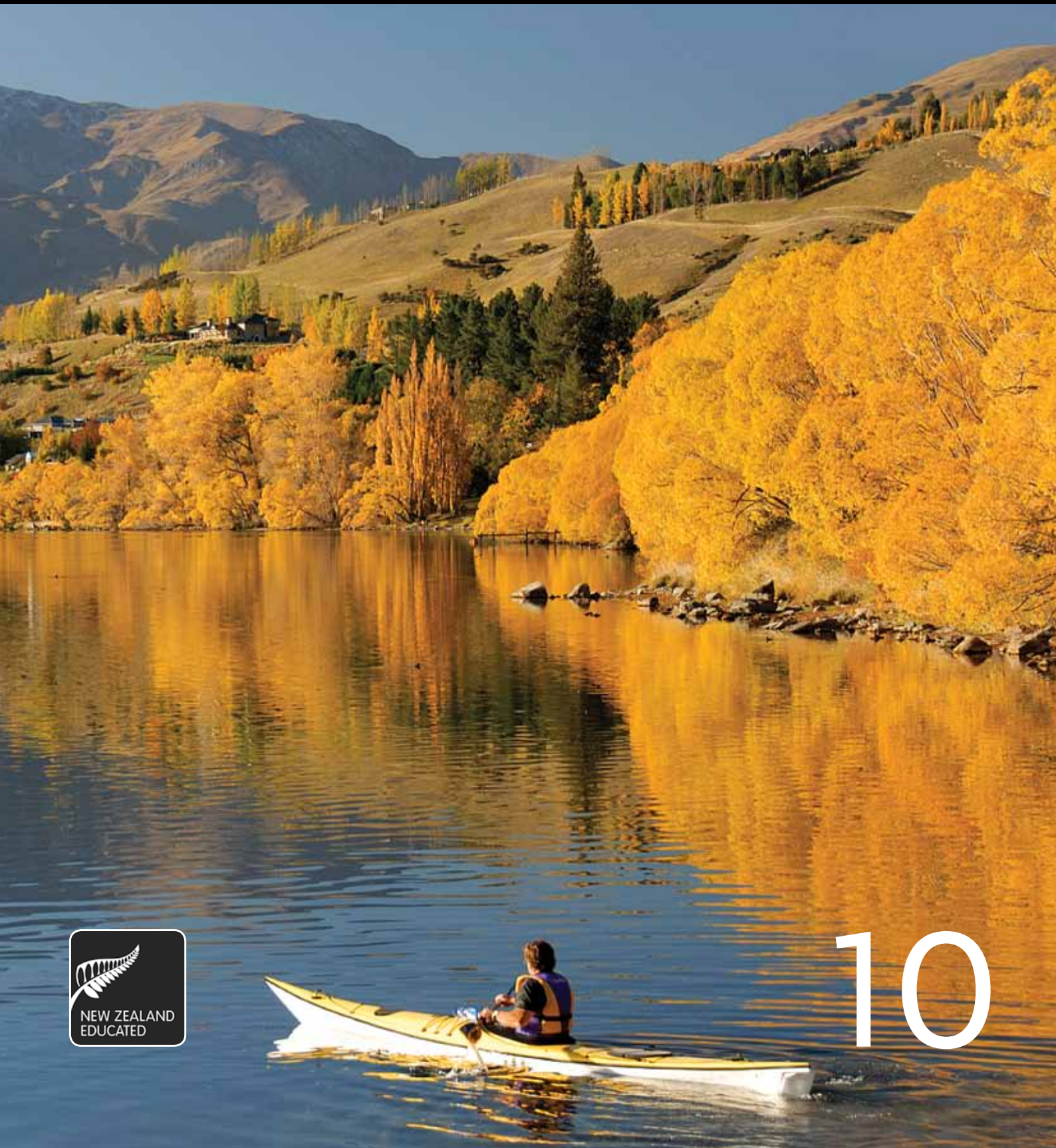


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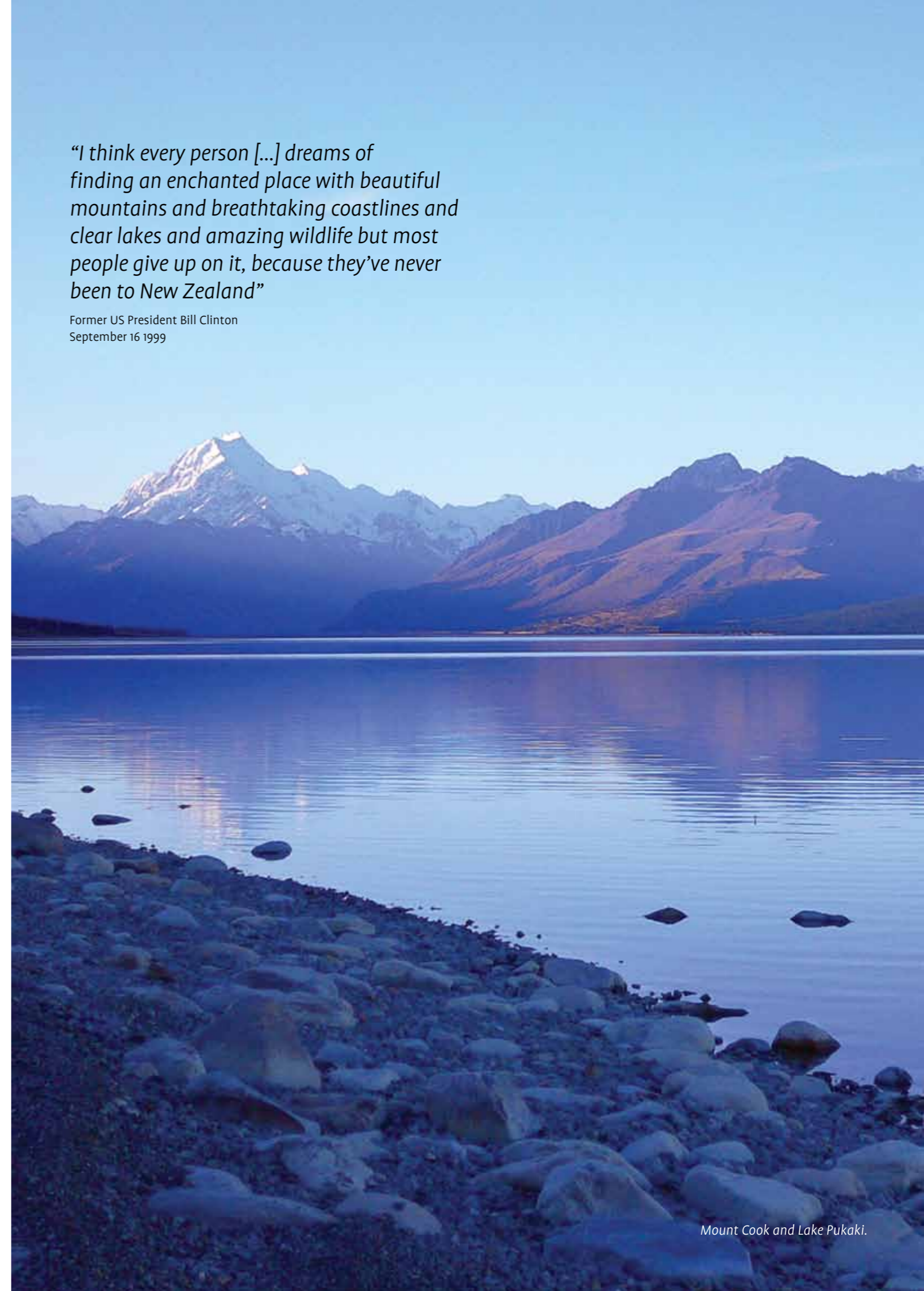
Cycling in the Port Hills, Christchurch.

Every effort is made to ensure that information is correct at the time of publication. Please refer to the University Calendar for official regulations.

Cover image: Kayaking on Lake Hayes near Arrowtown, Central Otago. Peter Morath / hedgehoghouse.com.

“I think every person [...] dreams of finding an enchanted place with beautiful mountains and breathtaking coastlines and clear lakes and amazing wildlife but most people give up on it, because they’ve never been to New Zealand”

Former US President Bill Clinton
September 16 1999



Mount Cook and Lake Pukaki.

Discover New Zealand



Mt. John Observatory, Lake Tekapo.

New Zealand is known throughout the world as a country of great natural beauty – one that is easy to fall in love with and impossible to forget. The country's lakes, mountains, native forest, open spaces and clean air provide a magical backdrop to your Study Abroad experience.

New Zealanders, or Kiwis as they are known, make the most of the idyllic setting in which they live. New Zealand is a nation of sports lovers, and sailing, skiing, hiking and fishing are all popular pastimes. New Zealand may be small, but individuals and teams from its shores have had international success in many sports, including Olympic swimming, cycling, rowing and yachting's America's Cup.

New Zealand is a modern, democratic nation in the South Pacific, similar in size to Great Britain and with a population of around 4 million people. Most Kiwis live on one of the nation's two main islands – the North and

South Islands. The islands are separated by a small stretch of water known as Cook Strait and ferries and flights link the two islands.

New Zealand is a nation of many cultures. The Māori, New Zealand's indigenous population, came from Polynesia around 1000 years ago, and make up around 15 percent of the population. Although the bulk of New Zealand's population are of European descent, growing numbers of people from Pacific Island, Asian and African nations are making New Zealand their home.



Trampers crossing wire swingbridge, Giants Gate Falls, Milford Track, Fiordland National Park. Colin Monteath / hedgehoghouse.com

Christchurch

The University of Canterbury is located in Christchurch, the largest city in NZ's southern island (population 370,000), and the heart of the province of Canterbury.

The city's location on the east coast of the South Island means the weather is ideal for enjoying outdoor activities – summer days and nights are warm, winter days often crisp and clear after morning frosts. Close to both mountains and the sea, Christchurch is a great environment for study and recreation.

Christchurch is a city where tradition meets contemporary trends. The historic stone buildings of the Arts Centre, originally the first University of Canterbury campus, are the hub of the city's thriving artistic scene. The Court Theatre, one of New Zealand's most well regarded professional theatre companies, makes its home there, as do several contemporary art galleries and the Arts Centre markets and ethnic food stalls at the weekend draw large crowds throughout the year. Christchurch also hosts a number of

festivals, including international film and busking festivals.

Christchurch's vibrant night scene centres on a group of cafés and restaurants known to locals as "The Strip". The classy eateries that become nightclubs after hours line the banks of the Avon River, which winds through the central city. The central city is also home to numerous clusters of bars and clubs, such as SOL square and Poplar Lane which are popular after dark social spots.

Hagley Park is to Christchurch as Central Park is to New York City – 161 hectares of trees, lakes, playing fields and gardens on the edge of the central business district. One third of all public land in Christchurch is devoted to parks and reserves, and this coupled with the great pride Christchurch residents take in their private gardens has seen Christchurch become known as 'the Garden City'.

Beautiful sandy beaches are close to the city, and the city's close proximity to the Southern Alps means that skiing and snowboarding can be found at any of the five ski-fields (one of which is owned by the University's ski club) within 90 minutes of Christchurch. Rafting,

kayaking, and bungee jumping are a short drive away. There are also plentiful opportunities for outdoor activities such as mountain biking and hiking. Spectacular scenery abounds in this part of the country and after a hard week of study you only have to travel a short distance to find yourself surrounded by it.

If you're interested in visiting some of New Zealand's most stunning places, Christchurch is a great base from which to do so. Less than one day's drive away and regularly serviced by coach services are the spectacular mountain resorts of Queenstown and Wanaka, where great skiing and beautiful lakes and glaciers can be found. Or you can step back in time in Fiordland, a breathtaking area of untamed native forest, mountain peaks, and ice-carved fiords.

There are plenty of attractions closer to Christchurch too. Whether you're interested in the historic French settlement of Akaroa, whale watching in Kaikoura, exploring the beautiful bays of Banks Peninsula, or the therapeutic qualities of the thermal pools at Hanmer Springs, you'll find them all within two hours' drive of the city.



Avon River, Christchurch.



Cathedral Square, Christchurch.

The University

Established in 1873, the University of Canterbury has an international reputation for academic excellence in teaching and research. Its undergraduate and postgraduate degrees are recognised across the world. Kiwi graduates are found in many countries and exhibit the intellectual independence, critical thinking, and professional excellence for which the university is renowned.

The University's teaching programme is research based, and all staff are expected to be involved in research and publishing in their specialist area. As a result, students can expect to be taught by lecturers who are at the forefront of knowledge in their discipline.

Canterbury also 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 each year, giving a further significant enrichment to our teaching programme.

A wide variety of courses are offered in Arts (Humanities and Social Sciences), Commerce, Education, Engineering, Forestry, Law, Music, Fine Arts, and Science. The current student population is around 17,000 including over 2,000 international students from more than 60 countries. As our faculty is also drawn from around the world, the University is a diverse and stimulating environment for learning.

The University is set in a spacious suburban campus, and offers excellent resources for students, including some of the modern lecture theatres, new ICT and Biological Sciences buildings, laboratories and research facilities. The University's Central Library is the largest library on the South Island. It is supplemented by 5 specialist libraries in other parts of the campus. There are 5 computer suites, one of which allows 24-hour access. The University has the most powerful university-based computer in the Southern Hemisphere and its own astronomical observatory.

What Can I Study?

Students coming to Study Abroad at Canterbury have different needs. Many are looking for key courses in their major which they can take for credit as part of their degree back home. A list of the courses offered in 2009 is included in the central section of this prospectus. Intending students should check the University web site for updates to this list and the departmental web pages for more specific course content: www.canterbury.ac.nz

Other students will be looking for a different flavour and a cross-cultural experience in what they choose to take at Canterbury. There are a number of courses that you will not come across anywhere else: Māori language and culture; Antarctic Studies (Christchurch is the supply base for both the US and the New Zealand Antarctic programmes) and courses in New Zealand, Australian or Pacific literature, history and politics are but a few examples. Courses in the field sciences and in astronomy may well include field trips for a day or a week (the University has five field stations scattered around the South Island, including an observatory in the high country), and biological sciences courses will often study New Zealand's unique flora and fauna.

Whatever courses you choose, you study alongside Kiwi students and you can normally take any undergraduate course offered by any of the University's faculties if you have the prerequisites. The Study Abroad fee is a one-price package that enables you to choose subjects across faculties, and to put together a package of courses that best meets your study needs and interests.

Use the course timetable to check which courses are available in the semester you plan to study here. Before leaving home, check that the courses you have chosen qualify for credit when you return (your university's Study Abroad office will be able to help you with this). Canterbury's International Office will help you with any further information you need.



Shane Ehram *United States*

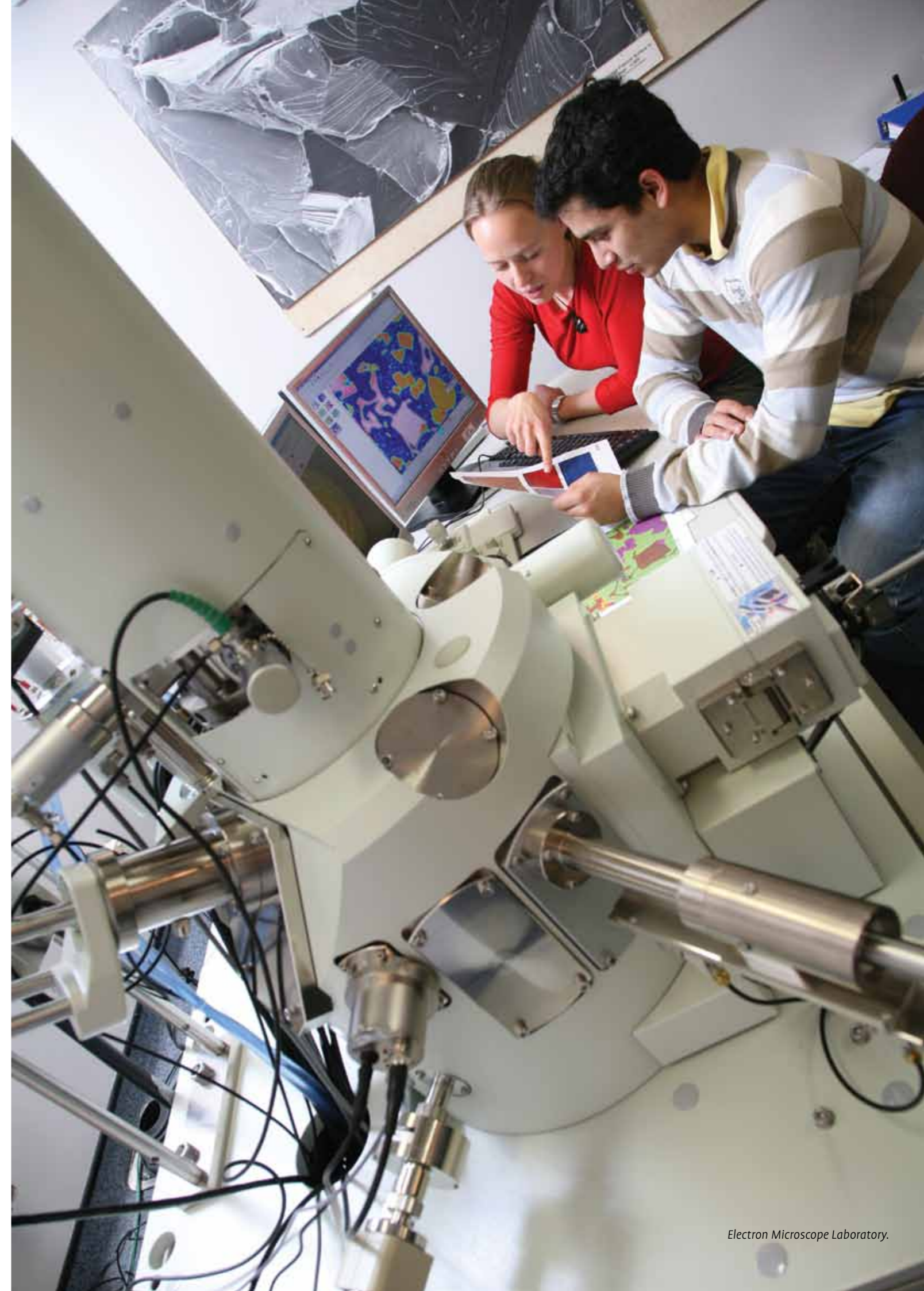
Shane has always wanted to travel and see the world outside the US. "I chose New Zealand because everything I had seen and heard showed that it is one of the most beautiful places on Earth and I also wanted to go to an English-speaking country."

Shane is from Tucson in Arizona in the US and he is studying Business at the Texas Christian University in Fort Worth. He has found the Māori and International Marketing classes to be very interesting. "I am able to see a different perspective on how the rest of the world views things. It's especially interesting

in my International Marketing class trying to think like a Kiwi businessman and to take my business or product abroad to the rest of the world."

He says the people in Christchurch are hospitable and friendly. "I like downtown Christchurch and how people-friendly it is. The nightlife is fun and exciting. Most of all I love getting out into the countryside and seeing all of the beautiful sights that New Zealand has to offer. This country is very hiker and camper friendly which is just amazing."

"I'm already planning on returning to New Zealand so that I can bring my friends and family with me to experience all that this amazing country has to offer."



Student Services and Activities

Students Association

The University of Canterbury Students Association (UCSA) is run by students for students. It offers support services for students and coordinates student activities, as well as overseeing several of the eateries on campus and the two student pubs. The modern Student Union building houses shops, eating places, a restaurant, a theatre and a ballroom.

There are over 100 clubs to join and if there isn't one to cater to your needs, then see the UCSA about starting one! Clubs Day takes place twice a year, in February and again in July. This is your opportunity to see what's happening on campus, talk to organisers and get involved in student life on campus. Outdoor activity clubs (kayaking, skiing, backpacking, hiking and mountaineering) are a great way of quickly getting into the countryside with people who know where to go. Social, sports and religious clubs are a great way to pursue your special interests and to meet Kiwi students.



Recreation Centre

The University Recreation Centre is a great facility for sport-minded students or anyone wanting to get a bit of exercise. It offers a fully equipped gym, squash courts, boxing facilities and fitness classes such as aerobics and yoga. The centre also offers lessons in ballroom dancing, tai-chi and self defence among others, as well as organising outdoor recreation excursions.

International Student Support

The International Student Support team (ISS) provide caring and friendly support to all international students on campus. They are also responsible for organising the International Student Orientation at the beginning of each semester as well as planning outings around Christchurch and Canterbury during the semester. To find out more about what they're doing, check out their website: www.canterbury.ac.nz/sas/iss/

Health Centre

The University Health Centre is a fully serviced medical practice on campus, including doctors, nurses, physiotherapists and counsellors. Like everyone else on campus, international students are entitled to use this service. A normal doctor's fee scale applies.

International students are required to pay the costs of their medical treatment while in New Zealand. These costs can be very high, and for this reason the University requires you to obtain comprehensive medical and travel insurance which meets New Zealand government requirements before you arrive. See page 15 for further details.



Katrin Schmahl Germany

Katrin paid a short visit to New Zealand after she finished high school. She was so impressed with the South Island that she decided to return for a longer period at a later stage. The opportunity to return presented itself while she was studying toward a Civil Engineering qualification in Germany. "I chose a couple of interesting courses about earthquakes, for example design of piles and buildings and their behavior during earthquakes".

Katrin was really impressed with the facilities at Canterbury, especially the computer

facilities and the well stocked libraries, with up to date books and extensive references.

"A highlight for me was that the lecturers and staff at the University were friendly and welcoming. Even if you are a student they treat you with respect. I got the impression that students come first".

Katrin really enjoyed the New Zealand lifestyle and was impressed by the friendliness of the people. "I learned a lot about the culture and behavior of Kiwis and I made a lot of Kiwi friends. Of course I got to know a couple of German students too. I really enjoyed my stay in Christchurch and I will miss it and all the people I got to know."



View of Christchurch City from the Port Hills.

Accommodation

The university offers a variety of accommodation options. We will help you find the best option but you should apply for accommodation as early as possible to have the best chance of securing your choice of accommodation.

UC Accommodation Package

A special accommodation package has been specifically designed for Study Abroad students. This package has a number of features and advantages and is available for all students coming on a University-approved Study Abroad programme if they apply for accommodation before 1 December for programmes starting in February; or 1 June for programmes starting in July. Detailed information about this package and application instructions can be found at www.canterbury.ac.nz/accom/international/study_abroad.shtml

The accommodation offered in this package is in one of UC Accommodation's self-catered apartments. Home to students from New Zealand and all corners of the globe, these apartments are ideal for individual students over 18 years of age. Life in the apartments is fun and exciting. Their goal is to make your 'home away from home'; offering as many experiences as possible to enhance your academic, personal and social wellbeing. You will be sure to make friends for life. The apartments are self-catered and offer an independent, secure lifestyle within the University community. Residents have their own fully-furnished bedroom with internet access and share kitchen, living area, and bathroom facilities. Residents also have the option to purchase a full meal plan or casual meals at the nearby University Hall dining room.

This package offers excellent value and is the most hassle-free option; however it is not mandatory. Students who do not wish to take this package offer may apply for private board accommodation or try private renting off-campus. Students on a full year study abroad programme (February – November) may also choose to apply for a place in another hall of residence.



Ilam Apartments.

Boarding

If you are eager to experience life with a Kiwi family, the University can help you organise private board with a family in Christchurch. Private board includes a furnished room, meals, electricity and local phone calls and usually costs around NZ\$230 per week. More information can be found at www.canterbury.ac.nz/accom/homestay.shtml

Private Renting in Houses or Flats (Apartments)

Private renting means sharing an off-campus house or apartment with other people and you are all responsible for paying the bills, cooking meals and doing other household chores.

Depending on the size, quality and location, rents for a single student room in a house or flat in Christchurch, with shared bathroom and kitchen facilities, range from NZ\$90-110 per room per week, plus 'expenses' (power and phone etc).

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' (through Student Rent Ltd) and has a list of other resources you can use to search for a property on the internet at www.canterbury.ac.nz/accom/flatting/index.shtml. Ensure that you view the property

personally before signing any agreement. Please note that many properties immediately surrounding the university have 52 week leases so if you are coming only for one semester, be prepared that you may live a little further away from the university campus.

Other Halls of Residence

Students on a full year study abroad programme (February – November) may choose to apply for one of UC's other halls of residence. All halls are located a few minutes walk from campus facilities and are comfortable, friendly and reasonably priced. Hall life is fun, exciting, challenging and a great opportunity to make new friends. Details about each hall of residence, including the costs can be found at www.canterbury.ac.nz/accom/halls

For general information on all accommodation options, application deadlines etc., visit the accommodation web site at www.canterbury.ac.nz/accom/international. If you apply after the deadline we cannot guarantee that you will get your first choice, but you can be sure you will be living in high quality housing, wherever it might be.

Airport Pickup

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. Please see www.canterbury.ac.nz/accom/international/airport_pickup.shtml for details on how to book.



Mallory Rubin United States

Mallory Rubin hails from the University of Denver in the US. "I wanted to study abroad to experience a new culture, gain some independence, and see a beautiful part of the world very far from home. New Zealand was a perfect fit because of its amazing scenery, rich Māori history, and 'sweet as' mentality." She found the 'Tradition in Māori History' course very interesting. "The Māori worldview is so different from what I am used to as an American – it bridges together civic and religious systems, which Westerners, myself included, typically consider to be entirely

distinct. I was just blown away by the richness of the culture as well."

Mallory thoroughly enjoyed the student lifestyle at Canterbury. "Living in Ilam Apartments, the international student flats was ideal. It was so nice to have everything set up for me before coming out. But the best part of Ilam was the people. I loved my flatmates! We got along really well together, and even started a tradition of a weekly flat dinner cooked by one person to highlight the food from his/her home country. We also took hikes (or, in Kiwi lingo, "tramps") and went out to enjoy the nightlife together."



New Brighton beach, Christchurch.



Aerial view of the Campus.

How to become a student at the University of Canterbury

Who can apply?

In general, you are eligible to apply to study abroad at the University of Canterbury if:

- You have completed at least one year of university study at a recognised university or college.
- You have a grade point average of 2.8 or higher (on a scale of 4), or a B average or higher.
- You meet the University's English language requirements.

Students who are not native English speakers normally need to provide an acceptable score in a standard English language test. Check the University web site for details of the tests we accept and the scores required at www.canterbury.ac.nz/intstud/admiss/english.shtml

Students from Germany, Norway, or Sweden with a pass at a specified level in their final year of high school study may be exempted from a language test. Check the web site for details at www.canterbury.ac.nz/intstud/admiss/entry.shtml

What do I need to consider?

Firstly you need to do your research on the University web site to locate suitable courses that are being offered in the semester you wish to study with us. The list of 2009 courses in the central section of this Prospectus will give you a guide, but course offerings may change from year to year and you should check the up to date information on the subject pages on the website at www.canterbury.ac.nz/courses/ Secondly you need to check with your home institution to be sure that the courses you want to take are acceptable for credit. You may need to provide print-outs of course descriptions.

Thirdly we don't require that you give us a list of courses before we grant you admission. However, if you need to know before you leave home that you'll be eligible to take a course here at Canterbury we are happy to seek course pre-approval for you. We strongly suggest that you bring a copy of your most recent transcript to enrolment so it will be available when speaking with the departments about the courses you wish to take.



Your course choices are not irrevocable. If you arrive at Canterbury and find you are in an unsuitable class, it is still possible to make course changes. The key thing to remember is to check with faculty back home that your new choices are still acceptable for the credit you need.

When should I apply?

Applications for first semester study (Feb-June) should be received by 1 November.

Applications for second semester study (July-November) should be received by 1 May. Late applications will be processed but you may not have time to make all the necessary preparations for your travel if you apply after these dates.

Remember that the academic year in New Zealand is usually the reverse of the northern hemisphere year. Our long summer recess runs November to February. The US or European first semester takes place at approximately the same time of year as Canterbury's second semester and vice versa.

Tuition fee

In 2010 the Study Abroad tuition fee is NZ\$10,400 per semester. This allows you to take courses across faculties. This is a flat programme fee – fees are not charged per course. Please note however that some courses may have an additional compulsory course cost (such as a field trip) and this cost will be additional to the flat Study Abroad tuition fee.

How do I apply?

Fill out the application form in the central section of this Prospectus. You must post it to us, and include:

- an original or certified true copy of your academic transcript
- a copy of the personal details page of your passport
- English Language test scores if English is not your first language.

We will send you an email acknowledging receipt of your application. Within a few weeks we will let you know the decision by email and post you an information package. This will include an original offer of place (which you will need to apply for a visa), and information about enrolment, accommodation, and international student orientation.

A few things you need to know...

Semesters

At the University of Canterbury some courses are offered in first semester, some in second semester and some are whole year courses. It's not possible for you to take just half of a whole year course. It's important when choosing your courses that you check that the courses you intend to take are being offered in the semester you plan to attend.

Course numbering and prerequisites

First year courses (of the Canterbury three year undergraduate degree) are called 100-level courses, second year 200-level, third year 300-level. Most students will be able to take most 100-level papers, but 200- and 300-level papers may require prerequisite study, depending on the subject. If you have not completed sufficient previous study in the subject at your home institution you may not be permitted to enrol in that course. The International Office can seek course pre-approval for you if required and you are welcome to submit a list of courses with your application for admission for this purpose.

It is important to note that arts, commerce and science degrees at Canterbury are three year degrees and 300-level courses are therefore the most advanced undergraduate courses in these areas (400-level courses in arts, commerce and science are postgraduate courses open to graduate level students only). Some professional degrees (such as Engineering, Forestry, Law, Social Work and Fine Arts) take four years to complete.



The points system

The three year Canterbury degree is structured as a 360 point programme (i.e. Canterbury students are required to obtain 360 points (credits) to achieve their three year Bachelor degree).

The points value of each course is indicative of the workload of the course – the higher the points value, the greater the workload involved in the course. Under the terms of your New Zealand student visa you are required to be enrolled as a full-time student and you must take at least 48 points per semester in order to be classed as full-time. A standard workload is 60 points per semester. The maximum workload for a semester is 80 points.

For queries as to how your Canterbury points will transfer to your home university degree, please consult with the Study Abroad office at your home university.

Teaching

Most courses include 2-4 hours of lectures per week. You will also be expected to participate in tutorials, which are small discussion groups led by a teaching assistant. Some science courses will have mandatory laboratory classes.

Assessment

Assessment is by means of a combination of examination and course work, and the proportion of each depends upon the particular course. Most have a final exam at the end, which often accounts for 30-40% of the final grade. Most subjects have written assignments and/or laboratory work that needs to be turned in throughout the course. A feature of university study in New Zealand is that you will be required to work independently – your professors won't be checking up on you to ensure you're completing the assignments. Be prepared for the difference. Just because you don't have an assignment due until the end of the semester doesn't mean that you shouldn't open a textbook for four weeks.

Living expenses

Living expenses will vary depending upon your accommodation and lifestyle choices. We recommend that you budget for between NZ\$6,000–7,000 for a semester (NZ\$12,000–14,000 per year), excluding airfares and tuition. A lot depends on how long you choose to stay in New Zealand. The teaching semester is about 4 months; your student visa 6 months. Some students choose to go straight home to catch the next semester start back there; others use the time to explore the country. We strongly recommend the latter – but you need to budget for transport, activities, and more expensive accommodation during that time.

You will find some everyday things more expensive in New Zealand, others less expensive. Living costs in Christchurch are generally moderate, but it all depends on how you choose to live.

Approximate prices of standard items:

A hamburger: NZ\$3

Bus fare into town: NZ\$2.50

Sports shoes: NZ\$150

Daily newspaper: NZ\$1

CDs: NZ\$30

Movies: NZ\$14 (student rate)

Books and stationery are expensive in New Zealand. Costs will vary with the course. For a single semester you should budget for between NZ\$400 and NZ\$600.

Engineering, Forestry and Geology students should expect to pay up to NZ\$500 per semester for extra costs such as supplies, practical courses and field trips.



Julie Holst Denmark

Julie comes from Denmark and the time she spent at the University of Canterbury lived up to all her expectations. "There was a wide variety of interesting courses to choose from and I particularly enjoyed the interaction with lecturers and fellow students in my tutorial classes." She found the campus very spacious and student friendly. "The facilities including the computer rooms, the libraries and the

recreation centre are excellent and it is only a 5-10 minute walk from the on-campus accommodation to the lecture theatres."

Weekends were spent with friends enjoying the outdoor club activities. "You get plenty of opportunities to explore the beauty of New Zealand on tramping and kayaking trips". She would love to return to Christchurch in the future. "I recommend the University of Canterbury to anyone who wants to study abroad."

Student Visas

When your application is approved we will issue you an offer of a place letter, which will include information on the location of the nearest office of Immigration New Zealand. To apply for a student visa you will need to provide the following:

- a completed and signed 'Application to Study in New Zealand', which is included in your acceptance package
- your offer of a place letter
- your tuition fee receipt, or guarantee that tuition will be paid on your behalf, (your offer of a place letter contains instructions on how to pay your tuition fee)
- a passport sized photograph
- your completed 'Financial Undertaking for a Student' form, which is included in your acceptance package. Please note that you must have evidence that shows you have sufficient funds to support yourself while in New Zealand
- the visa application fee
- a passport valid beyond the final date for which tuition has been paid.

When you arrive in New Zealand on a student visa, Immigration New Zealand will issue you a student permit at the airport as you pass through Immigration. In order to fulfil the requirements of your student visa you must be a full-time student. As a study abroad student you are not eligible to work while in New Zealand.

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.

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 appropriate 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 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 can be downloaded from the New Zealand Ministry of Education website at www.minedu.govt.nz/Educationsectors/InternationalEducation/



Maria Akesson
Sweden

Maria is from Sweden where she has been studying at Lund University.

She likes to travel and experience different cultures and environments and needed an English-speaking destination for her study abroad experience. "New Zealand was by far the most intriguing and interesting place and when I heard about the programme in the Geology department (my core subject) – things were settled!"

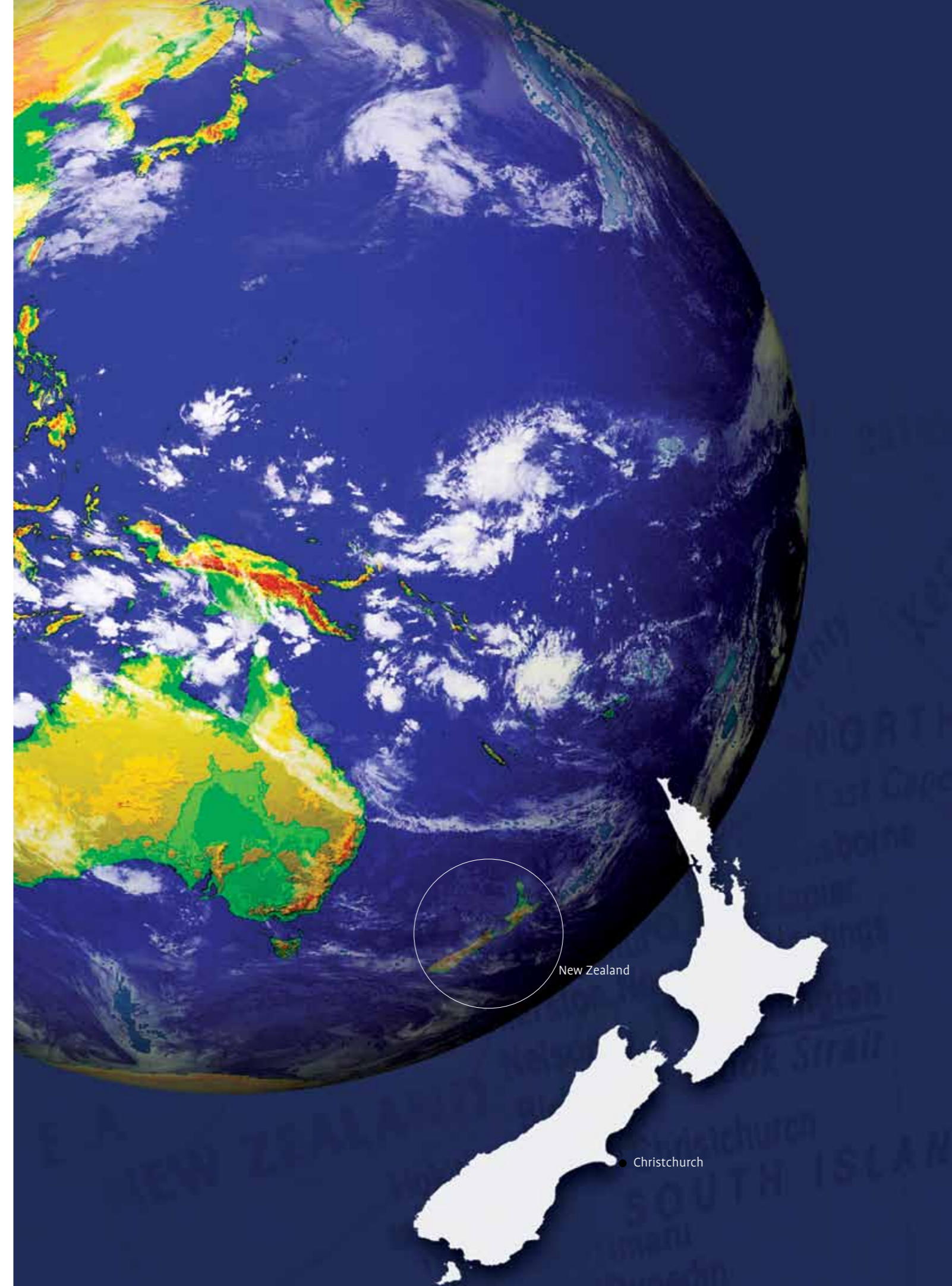
Maria completed a Certificate of Proficiency in Geology at Canterbury and found that

Canterbury offered many interesting courses that would not have been available back home. "New Zealand is ideal for geology – it's all happening here – the nature is so alive! I wouldn't have been able to study the things I study here in Sweden". She also took a course in Antarctic Studies and is considering further study in this area.

Maria likes the relaxed and friendly attitude of the people in Christchurch. "There's not at all as much stress and pressure surrounding everyday life as in Sweden. Then there is the nature and the outdoors lifestyle. That's also one of the main reasons I came. Going tramping, sporting... wow!"



Snow boarding at Porter Heights ski field.



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