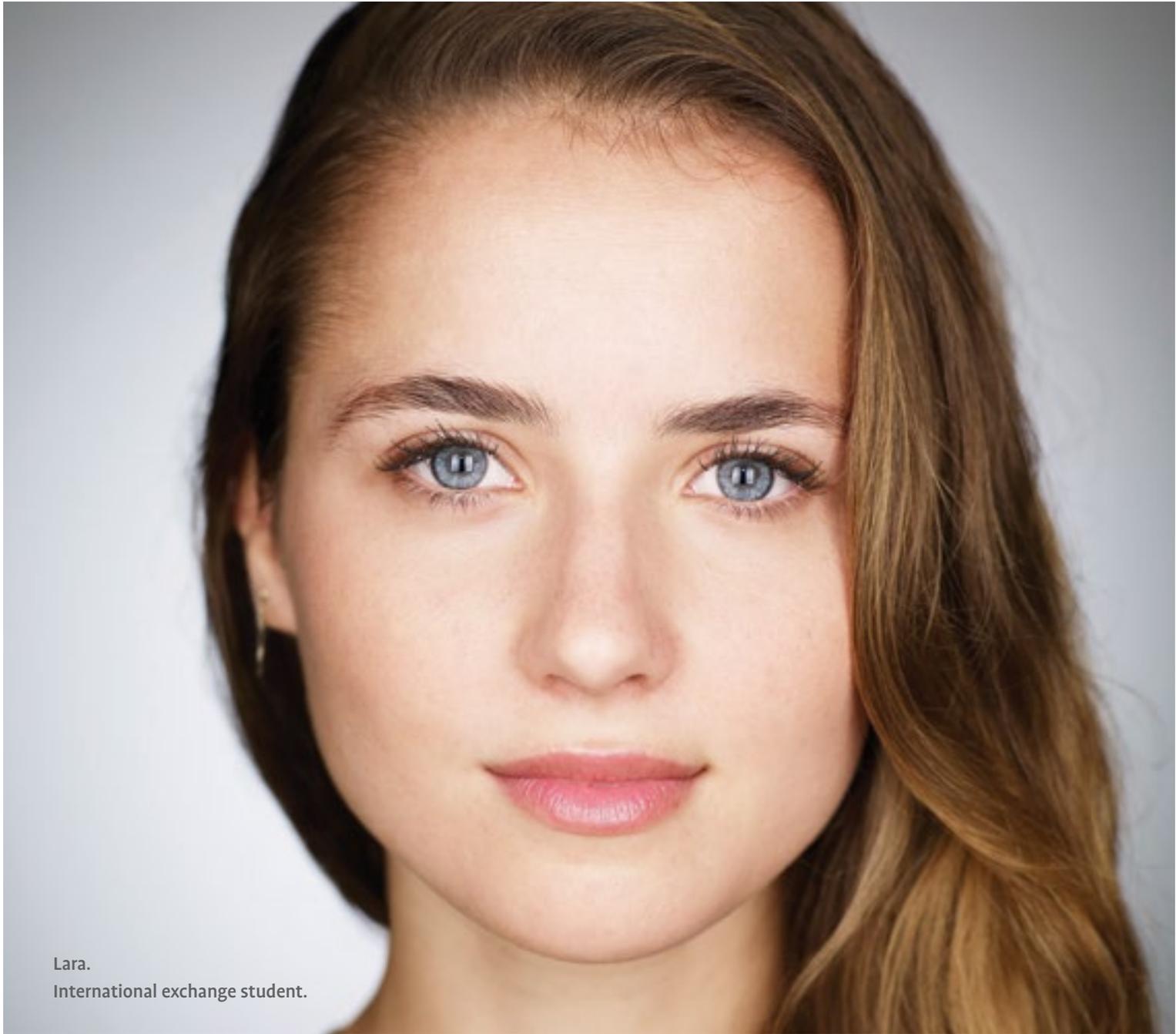


2016 Study Abroad Prospectus New Zealand



Lara.
International exchange student.



Cover images clockwise from top left:

1) Lara Sweetapple gained a Bachelor of Science in Biochemistry at UC and in 2013 she embarked on a student exchange to Lund University in Sweden as part of her studies. **2)** Lupin flowers bloom at Lake Tekapo, Mackenzie Basin, South Island. **3)** Pounamu adornments have been worn by Māori (New Zealand's indigenous people) for centuries. This pounamu matau (fishhook design) has its origins in Māori legend and represents strength, hard work, good luck, and safe travel across water. **4)** Charlotte French (Civil Engineering), Emily Mace (Chemistry) and Kolaia Raisele (Anthropology and Political Science) enjoy UC's outdoor amphitheatre.

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Welcome to UC

Nau mai, haere mai ki Te Whare Wānanga o Waitaha

E ngā mana, e ngā reo, e ngā karangatanga maha,

Nei rā te whakamiha o Te Whare Wānanga o Waitaha ki a koutou.

Tēnā koutou katoa.

I am delighted that you are exploring what the University of Canterbury (UC) has to offer Study Abroad students. I believe that, as a study destination, our combination of world-recognised academic programmes, wonderful natural environment, and great student lifestyle has few equals anywhere in the world.

In 2015, *Times Higher Education* named UC as the 22nd best university in the world for internationalisation (the highest in New Zealand), citing UC's student body, its ability to attract staff from around the globe and the volume of collaborative international research projects.*

UC encourages Study Abroad students to go beyond the classroom as part of their semester or year abroad. We offer many unique experience-based courses, from service learning through to internships and scientific field study. These will provide you with real-world experiences as well as opportunities to engage with the local community.

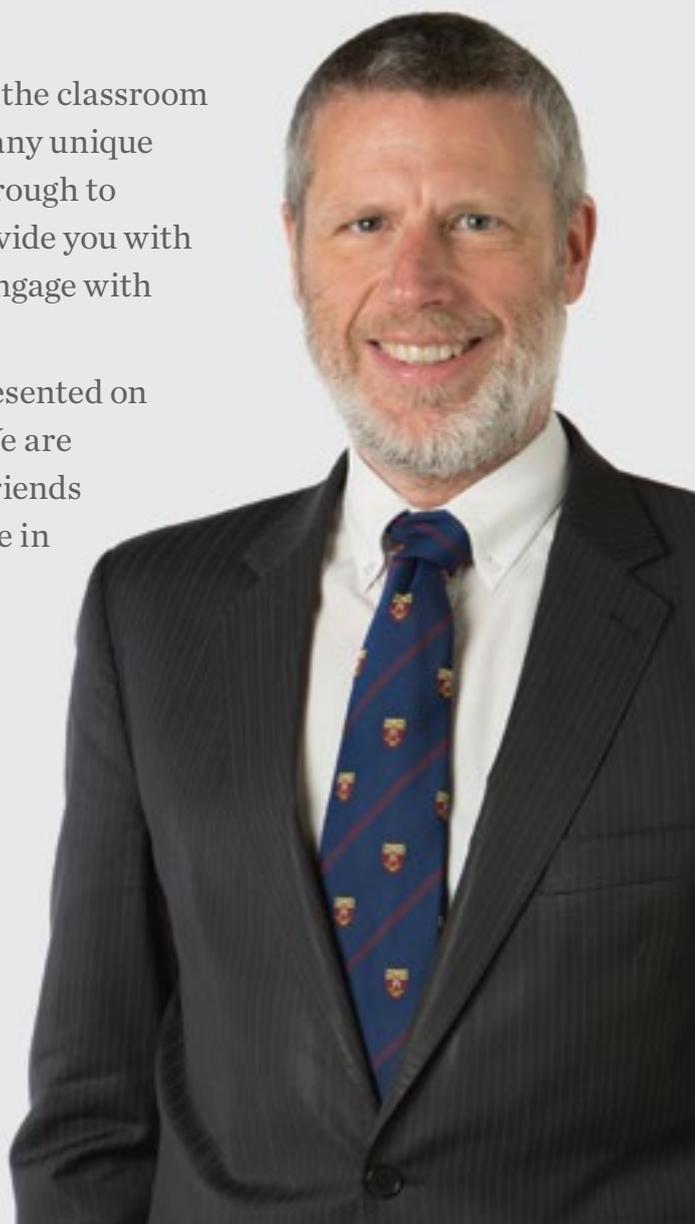
With more than 80 nationalities and 130 clubs represented on campus, UC is an exciting and diverse place to be. We are committed to helping students like you make new friends and create unforgettable memories during your time in New Zealand.

UC celebrates people prepared to make a difference – tangata tū, tangata ora. We look forward to welcoming you as one of these people in 2016 or beyond.



Dr Rod Carr
Vice-Chancellor
University of Canterbury

* *The 100 most international universities in the world*; *Times Higher Education*, 2014–15



Kia ora – Welcome

As a Study Abroad student you can experience all that New Zealand has to offer, from breathtaking landscapes to dynamic cities and unlimited outdoor adventure.

Five great reasons to study abroad in New Zealand

1. World-class learning – New Zealand universities offer high quality teaching and learning opportunities. For five of the last six years, the United Nations Human Development Index report has placed New Zealand first in the world for Education.
2. A spectacular natural environment – Aotearoa New Zealand boasts a pristine environment with some of the world's most stunning scenery; you can go whale watching one day and snowboarding the next.
3. Action and adventure await – the South Island is a thrill-seeker's paradise, with plenty of outdoor activities on offer including bungee jumping, mountaineering, white water rafting, surfing and jet boating.
4. Bicultural heritage in a multicultural society – New Zealand has more ethnicities than there are countries in the world. You can discover the rich culture of the Māori (our indigenous people) and enjoy local and international celebrations.
5. Climate – a temperate climate with lots of sunshine and the full range of spectacular seasons makes New Zealand an ideal Study Abroad destination and a great place to explore throughout the year.



Avalanche Peak is a 1,833-metre-high peak offering two tramping routes to the top. On a fine day hikers are rewarded with breathtaking views of the surrounding peaks. It is located in the Arthur's Pass National Park. Photo courtesy of Chris Calhoun (USA, Exchange student, 2015).

Anita Chung (USA, Study Abroad student, 2015) looking out over Lyttelton Harbour. Lyttelton is an historic port town on the north shore of Lyttelton Harbour, which is in an 11 million-year-old volcano crater. It is just 20 minutes' drive from the centre of Christchurch city.



Destination New Zealand

From *Lord of the Rings* country to UNESCO heritage sites, from cities that make the list of the world's top places to visit* to spectacularly remote locations, New Zealand is a country that offers visitors an experience to remember.

Geography

Location: South Pacific Ocean, southeast of Australia

Size: 270,000 square kilometres, similar in size to Japan and the United Kingdom

Capital city: Wellington (the southernmost capital city in the world)

Population: 4.24 million**

Multicultural make-up

Ethnic groups**:

- New Zealand European 74%
- Māori 14.9%
- Pacific Islander 7.4%
- Asian and others 11.8%

Language: English is the everyday language, with Māori and New Zealand Sign Language also official languages.

Full range of seasons

Climate: Temperate

- Summer (December–February)
20–30°C (68–86°F) during the day
- Winter (June–August)
10–15°C (50–59°F) during the day

And did you know...

- You are never more than 128 kilometres (79 miles) from the sea in New Zealand
- Organised commercial bungy jumping originated in this country
- Our waters are home to the world's smallest dolphin species
- There are no land snakes in New Zealand.

Sources:
* Lonely Planet ranked Christchurch 6th in its 'Best in Travel 2013: Top 10 Cities' list and New York Times ranked it 2nd in its list of '52 Places to Go in 2014'.
** Statistics New Zealand, 2013 Census

Go Canterbury

Christchurch is home to the Canterbury Crusaders rugby team which plays in the Super Rugby tournament. UC is a proud sponsor of the team and students can head along to home games to cheer the team on from 'The Bank'. The Student Supporters Army (Cantabs) also offers packages that include transport, drinks, food and discounted tickets.

Located in the South Pacific, Christchurch is New Zealand's second largest city and offers a huge range of recreational activities.

With a population of around 465,800, Christchurch is the largest city and economic centre of the South Island. In recent years both the *New York Times* and *Lonely Planet* have rated it as one of the top places in the world to visit.

Vibrant entertainment options

Christchurch is ideal for those who enjoy a variety of things to do – from art exhibitions and cultural celebrations to sporting events and music festivals. There are over 900 restaurants, cafés and bars to enjoy, and the university is just minutes away from a number of these. UC is also located near the largest shopping mall in the South Island.

The city is home to live music venues, theatres, sports stadiums, many shopping malls, and over 1,000 parks and gardens.

Unbeatable outdoor lifestyle

Christchurch's location on the coast makes it a perfect recreational hub – beautiful swimming and surfing beaches are close by and the city's Port Hills are popular for mountain biking, walking and rock climbing. Skiing and snowboarding can be found at nine ski fields within a two hour drive of the city.

If you're interested in experiencing some of New Zealand's most stunning places and activities, Christchurch is a great base from which to do so. Attractions such as alpine resorts, white water rafting, whale watching, kayaking, bungy-jumping and world-famous hiking are easily accessible from the city.

The South Island is also home to:

- the breathtaking landscapes in Fiordland
- the ski resorts of Queenstown
- the West Coast's rainforests and glaciers
- beaches in Nelson-Marlborough and
- the majestic Southern Alps.

Why study at UC?



UC International Welcome Orientation, February 2015

The University of Canterbury (UC) was the first university in New Zealand to receive the prestigious QS 5-star ranking for overall excellence. In 2014 this included perfect scores in the areas of infrastructure, graduate employability, inclusiveness, accreditation and discipline rankings, and internationalisation.*

Be part of an outstanding community

Founded in 1873, the University of Canterbury, Te Whare Wānanga o Waitaha, is ranked in the world's top 3% of universities and has a strong international reputation for:

- high-quality courses (as listed in the centre insert)
- unique applied learning opportunities (pages 9, 13)
- a supportive campus community of students, staff and central services (pages 16–17).

A world-class education

UC's academic programmes have consistently achieved international recognition.

- In 2015, *Times Higher Education* named UC as the 22nd best university in the world for internationalisation (the highest in

New Zealand), citing UC's student body, its ability to attract staff from around the globe and the volume of collaborative international research projects as reasons for the rating.

- UC has many eminent academic programmes and is ranked 44th in the world in Civil Engineering.†
- Our teaching and learning stands out across disciplines, with UC ranked in the top 100 universities in the world in Accounting and Finance, Art and Design, and Law and the top 150 in Education, Geography, Linguistics, Psychology, and Statistics.‡
- UC is ranked first or second in New Zealand for research in 10 subject areas, including top position in marketing; molecular, cellular and whole organism biology; and other health studies.**

Learn from the best

Teaching excellence is highly valued at UC and evaluated regularly. Each year the University recognises outstanding teachers through the UC Teaching Awards and the UC Teaching Medal. UC staff regularly feature in the national Tertiary Teaching Excellence Awards.

Active and varied learning

At UC there are a range of services and facilities to support your study: modern lecture theatres, break-out study areas, innovation learning hubs, as well as state-of-the-art laboratories, the most field stations of any New Zealand university, well-resourced libraries, 24-hour computer suites and an Academic Skills Centre.

* QS World University Rankings, 2014

† QS World University Rankings by Subject, 2015 (out of 3,551 participating universities)

** Performance Based Research Fund Assessment, 2012



'New Zealand is known for its innovation in project management and sustainable buildings. And there's nowhere better than the University of Canterbury for bringing together the best professors and professionals in the field... the lecturers are all wonderful.'

Gabriel Coelho
Brazil

Expand your horizons



UC students on a field trip near Hanmer Springs, North Canterbury. Taken by Matt Guifang (USA, Study Abroad student, 2014)

Study Abroad is a great way to expand your academic horizons and get a taste of some exciting new subjects.

Try something new

UC offers a comprehensive range of courses, including several that you're unlikely to come across in your home country, such as Māori language and culture, Antarctic Studies and courses in New Zealand and Pacific literature, history and politics. Whatever courses you choose, you'll study alongside Kiwi students.

Study in the field

UC has the most extensive network of field stations for student and staff research of any university in New Zealand, offering field study opportunities unmatched anywhere else in the country. Many Science courses include field trips and will often study New Zealand's unique flora and fauna, geology, biodiversity and marine life.

Undergraduate packages that suit you

The undergraduate Study Abroad tuition fee is a one-price package that enables you to choose courses across faculties, so you can put together a programme that best meets your needs and interests. See the insert for available courses and page 19 for tuition fees and study costs.

Note: before leaving home, check that your courses can be credited to your home university degree. Your university's Study Abroad office will be able to help you. UC's International Relationships Office can assist with any further information you need. www.canterbury.ac.nz/international

UC offers undergraduate courses in the following subjects:

Accounting	Education	Māori and Indigenous Studies
Antarctic Studies	Electrical and Electronic Engineering	Marketing
Anthropology	Engineering	Mathematics
Art History and Theory	English	Mechanical Engineering
Astronomy	English Language	Mechatronics Engineering
Biochemistry	Environmental Science	Media and Communication
Biological Sciences	European and European Union Studies	Music
Biosecurity	Finance	Natural Resources Engineering
Biotechnology	Financial Engineering	Operations and Supply Chain Management
Business Economics	Forest Engineering	Philosophy
Chemical and Process Engineering	Forestry	Physics
Chemistry	French	Political Science
Chinese	Geography	Professional and Community Engagement*
Cinema Studies	Geology	Psychology
Civil Engineering	German	Russian
Classics	Health Sciences	Social Work
Communication Disorders	History	Sociology
Computer Engineering	Human Resource Management	Software Engineering
Computer Science	Human Services	Spanish
Criminal Justice	Information Systems	Sport Coaching
Cultural Studies	Japanese	Statistics
Digital Arts, Social Sciences, and Humanities*	Law	Strategy and Entrepreneurship
Ecology	Linguistics	Taxation and Accounting
Economics	Management	Te Reo Māori (Māori language)

* Subject to Universities New Zealand CUAP approval, due August 2015

Plan your study



Summer on C Block lawn, in between lectures.

Semesters

At UC, courses are taught in Semester 1 (February–June), Semester 2 (July–November), or throughout the Whole Year (Semester 1 and 2, February–November).

Some courses are offered more than once in the same year. It's not possible for you to take just half of a Whole Year course if you are only attending UC for one semester.

When planning your courses, make sure you go to www.canterbury.ac.nz/courses and check that your courses are available in the semester you plan to study at UC.

Courses and prerequisites

Arts, Commerce and Science degrees at UC are three-year programmes and therefore 300-level courses are the most advanced undergraduate courses offered in these areas. The 400-level courses are postgraduate courses only open to graduate-level students.

Professional degrees such as Engineering, Forestry and Social Work are four-year programmes and 400-level courses in these subjects may be available to Study Abroad students with sufficient previous study.

As long as you meet prerequisite requirements, you can normally take most undergraduate courses offered at UC. A few areas have courses

which are limited entry. For more details, go to www.canterbury.ac.nz/future-students/apply-and-enrol/limited-entry-and-special-applications

The UC Study Abroad Coordinator can seek course pre-approval on your behalf if requested. You are welcome to submit a list of courses with your application for admission.

Under the terms of your New Zealand student visa you must be enrolled as a full-time student. At UC, this means you must enrol in at least 45 points per semester. A standard workload is 60 points per semester. The maximum workload for a semester is 75 points.

For questions about how your UC course points will transfer to your home university degree, please consult with the Study Abroad office at your home university.

Teaching

Most courses include two to four 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 and may include field trips.

Postgraduate study

UC welcomes applications to postgraduate courses from graduate students who have completed a bachelor's degree overseas. Postgraduate applicants should provide a list of intended UC courses with their application for admission. For information on postgraduate courses, prerequisites and tuition fees go to www.canterbury.ac.nz/courses

‘One thing I enjoyed about the internship is that it allowed me to focus on nature and to use my current skills and develop some new ones. I truly enjoyed seeing how the plan I worked on meets a number of needs in the community. It allowed me to see New Zealand from a Kiwi's perspective, not just a student's or tourist's.’

Maggie Armstrong
United States



#UCNow

Students can share their day-to-day experiences by tagging their Instagram photos #UCNow and seeing them appear on www.ucnow.canterbury.ac.nz



Photos clockwise from top left to right: Arthur's Pass National Park (Amanda Araujo de Gomes Martins, Brazil, Study Abroad student, 2015); surfing in Kaikōura (Caroline Mazeaud on right, France, Exchange student, 2015);

rock climbing on Christchurch's Port Hills (Gabriel Taylor, USA, Study Abroad student, 2015); a hands-on visit to Longfield Corriedale Stud farm in North Canterbury (Win Benjavitayakul, Thailand, Study Abroad student, 2015);

the spectacular Purakaunui Falls in the Catlins Forest Park, southern South Island (photo by John Van Citters, USA, Exchange student, 2012).

UC operates the Edward Percival field station in the coastal village of Kaikōura, famous for its seal colonies and whale watching. This photo is courtesy of Matt Guiang (USA, Study Abroad student, 2014) on a Geology field trip.

Go beyond the classroom

Keen to make the most of your Study Abroad experience? As a UC student, you can take your study out into the field and you'll have a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to gain service learning or work experience in a for-credit course.

Community engagement and service learning

'CHCH 101 Rebuilding Christchurch – An Introduction to Community Engagement in Tertiary Studies' is a for-credit course incorporating a service learning component. Building on the community spirit of the famous Student Volunteer Army, you'll integrate at least 30 hours of hands-on community service related to the Christchurch earthquakes with academic content about volunteerism, post-disaster response and guided reflection.

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

Internships at UC

UC offers students the chance to gain work experience and apply their analytical skills in PACE 295**, a for-credit, real-world internship course organised by UC's College of Arts.

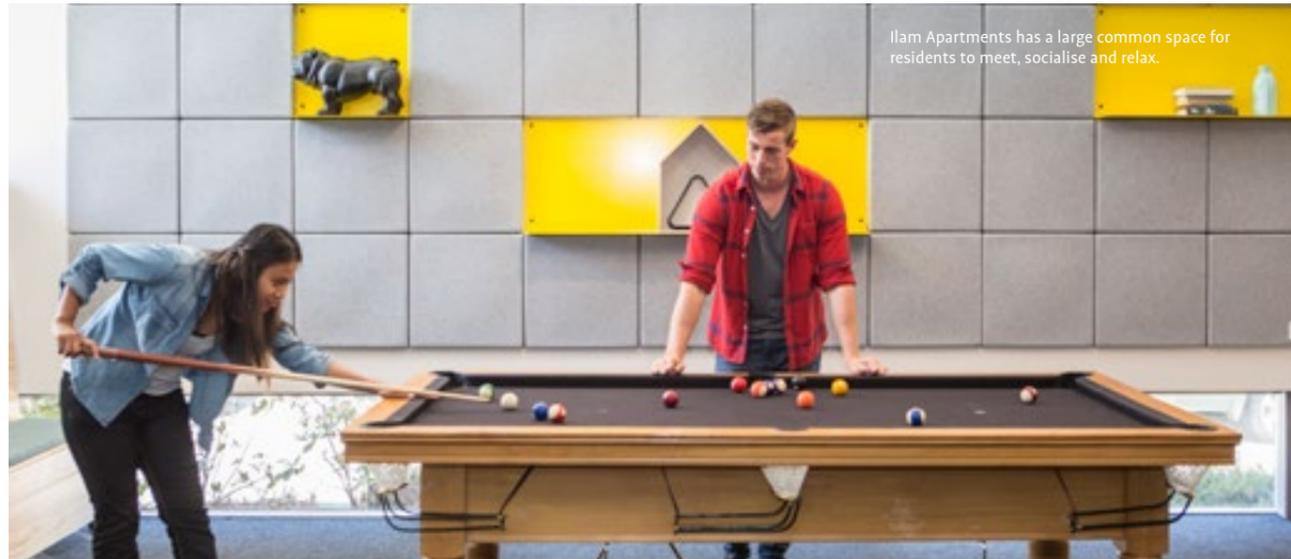
Internship students work with a local organisation on a special project, under the supervision of a specialist lecturer. Work can be completed throughout the semester and/or during term breaks, and each project has measurable milestones.

Past projects include food sustainability and urban gardening, GIS mapping, health care and community wellbeing facilitation, conference organisation, social entrepreneurship, film-making, photography and many more.

* The course is worth 15 points (60 points is a standard semester load) and can be taken alongside other courses. To find out more visit www.canterbury.ac.nz/courses

** PACE 295 is worth 15 points and can be taken alongside other UC courses. A 300-level version of the course worth 30 points is also available. Visit www.arts.canterbury.ac.nz/internships

Live in a fun, supportive environment



Ilam Apartments has a large common space for residents to meet, socialise and relax.

UC offers a variety of accommodation options. Find the option that's best suited to your needs to ensure you get the most out of your student experience.

UC Accommodation Student Village Study Abroad package

This package is available to all students coming on a University-approved Study Abroad programme. To be eligible, students must complete an online accommodation application form by 1 December for the first semester (February start) or by 1 May for the second semester (July start).

Accommodation is provided in modern self-catered apartments, that are just a 5–10 minute walk from lecture theatres, supermarkets, malls and public transport. You'll be warmly welcomed into a vibrant, fun and supportive environment. An events programme helps you to get settled, find the support you need and, most importantly, enjoy the residential community on campus.

The apartments offer an independent, secure lifestyle. Residents have their own fully-furnished bedroom with internet access and shared kitchen/living area, and bathroom facilities. Residents also have the option to purchase a meal plan.

This accommodation package offers excellent value and is the most hassle-free option for Study Abroad students. However, this option is not mandatory.

Students who do not wish to take this package also have the option of applying for a place in another hall of residence or village, applying for homestay (private board) or renting privately off-campus (see below).

Other halls of residence and villages

Students on a full-year Study Abroad programme (February–November) may choose to apply for one of UC's other halls of residence or villages.

Most accommodation options are located a few minutes' walk from campus facilities and are comfortable, friendly and supportive. Hall or village life is fun, exciting, challenging and a great opportunity to make new friends.

Please note application due dates apply.

Homestay (private board)

Homestays are available for individual students throughout Christchurch in a variety of homes, offering a wide range of living situations, from families with children to single people living by themselves.

The current cost for homestay accommodation is NZ\$250 per person per week, plus an initial placement fee of NZ\$330. Fees are reviewed

annually. The weekly fee covers three meals per day, a furnished room, power and local telephone calls. The minimum stay is eight weeks. If you are considering homestay, early applications are recommended but must be received at least two weeks prior to your arrival.

For more information refer to 'Homestay' on the Accommodation Services website.

Private renting in houses or flats (apartments)

Renting a house usually means sharing a private house with other people and you are all responsible for paying the bills, cooking meals, doing your laundry and other household chores. As private rental properties are typically for a 52-week lease, students are advised to apply for University student accommodation or homestay.

If you choose to rent privately you will need to arrive early to allow time to find your own room or property. Be prepared to stay in temporary accommodation (motel or backpackers) for at least two weeks. Ensure that you view the property personally before signing any agreement and undertake a property inspection with your landlord.

Rents for a single student room in a house or flat in Christchurch with shared bathroom, laundry and kitchen facilities start from NZ\$150 per room per week. You will need to budget in advance for a refundable bond (up to four weeks' rent) and rent in advance (one-two weeks) plus



Ilam Apartments are located close to campus and provide a supportive living environment for students.

set up costs for furniture, power and telephone/internet. One week's letting fee may also apply. Ongoing costs include transport, power, telephone/internet, food, contents insurance and personal spending.

For resources to search for a property or a room in an existing property refer to 'Private rental' on the Accommodation Services website.

Living expenses

Living expenses will vary depending upon your accommodation and lifestyle choices. We recommend that you budget for at least NZ\$7,500 for a semester (from NZ\$15,000 per year), excluding airfares and tuition.

A lot depends on how long you choose to stay in New Zealand. The teaching semester is about four months; your student visa six months. Some students choose to go straight home after finishing their studies at UC in order to start their next semester back home; other students use the time to explore the country. We strongly recommend the latter – but you will need to budget for transport, activities and more expensive accommodation during that time.

During your studies, you may 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.

Textbooks and stationery are expensive in New Zealand. Textbook costs will vary depending on the selected course. As a guide, for a single semester you should budget between NZ\$400–\$600 for textbooks and stationery.

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.

Free airport pickup

If you are arriving in New Zealand for the first time and are intending to study for at least one semester (ie February–June or July–December), Accommodation Services can arrange transport from Christchurch International Airport to your accommodation.

This service is free but must be booked at least one week before your departure. To book go to www.canterbury.ac.nz/accom/international/airport_pickup_form.shtml

More information

For information on all accommodation options, costs and application details, go to www.canterbury.ac.nz/accom

For details on the specific Study Abroad accommodation package go to www.canterbury.ac.nz/future-students/accommodation/accommodation-for-international-students/accommodation-study-abroad-and-exchange



'I am living at UC's Ilam Apartments, which I love. We are close to each other and to campus. I have met so many people I would never have had the privilege to meet had I not come here. I think I have already developed a sense of independence I didn't have before.'

Sarah Harris-Kober
United States

An unforgettable student experience



Snowboarding at Porters Ski Area, the closest ski field to Christchurch (Photo courtesy of Alan Williamson).

Against the backdrop of a picturesque and bustling campus, you will meet a diverse range of people and enjoy some amazing new experiences.

UC students are part of one of the most active students' associations in the country and the plethora of clubs, societies and events for you to take part in is awe-inspiring.

From Mardi Gras to the Dalai Lama

Whether it's a quiz night at the Foundry, an audience with the Dalai Lama, an international food festival, Mardi Gras extravaganza, music concert or a game of sport, UC students know how to let their hair down after all that study.

Many activities take place on campus, and with facilities such as an art gallery, outdoor amphitheatre, recreation centre, breakout hubs, sports fields and multiple cafés, there's plenty of space to chill out and meet friends.

Check out the busy calendar of events at www.canterbury.ac.nz/events or www.ucca.org.nz/events

Join a club and get involved

Joining a club is a great way to make friends and learn new skills or indulge a passion. There are more than 130 clubs at UC, covering almost every sporting, recreational, academic and cultural interest imaginable. Here are just a few:

- Tramping (Hiking) Club
- Snow Sports Club
- UC Bike
- DramaSoc
- UC Football (Soccer)
- ENSOC (Engineering Students' Society)
- UC Canoe Club.

If you can't find one you like, just start your own. For a complete list of clubs go to www.ucca.org.nz/clubs

Volunteer and gain experience

There are many ways you can volunteer your time and energy around UC and gain skills:

- Student Volunteer Army: www.facebook.com/StudentVolunteerArmy
- UC Community Garden: www.sustain.canterbury.ac.nz/comm_garden
- Eco Us projects: www.sustain.canterbury.ac.nz/eco-us

Getting involved in your community will make your experience at UC that much more enriching and rewarding.



'New Zealand is a country where rugby is a religion so there was the opportunity to learn rugby at a higher level. Playing for UC has been an amazing learning experience; the hard-fought matches, the countless hours of training, and the laughs. It is great to have friends from all over the world. I have had a blast.'

Richard Podpirka
United States

Support services available



University friends at Taylor's Mistake beach near Christchurch (Sarah Chaffee, USA, Study Abroad student, 2015)

UC is committed to helping you succeed in your studies by providing you with support from the moment you arrive.

Warm international welcome

The International Welcome is a special orientation for all new international students and is a great way for you to get connected to the university community and to get settled at UC. It is important to attend the Welcome at the beginning of Semester 1 or Semester 2. For dates and details go to www.canterbury.ac.nz/future-students/international-students/international-welcome

Meet your support team

The Student Development and Student Experience teams at UC are your first contacts for all questions and issues requiring in-depth advice. Our trained staff are here to help you achieve success at UC, through free one-to-one consultations on:

- settling in to UC and Christchurch
- communicating
- UC policies and processes
- managing workload
- making the most of campus life.

Visit our website to find out how to get in touch with us and take advantage of any of these services www.canterbury.ac.nz/support

Mentoring

We also run a Mentoring Programme, that can pair you up with a student mentor who will help you adjust to life on campus and provide friendly support. You can even talk with a mentor for advice before starting at UC.

The Students' Association (UCSA)

The UCSA plays a key role in the student experience at UC. It is 100% governed by students for students and provides a wide range of services, including academic advocacy and advice, class representatives, postgraduate support, and the weekly magazine *Canta*.

On campus, the UCSA owns and manages bars, cafés and common rooms, all of which are provided for students.

For more information go to www.ucca.org.nz

Stay healthy and fit

UC Rec Centre

The UC Rec Centre is free to all students. Simply sign up online and your Canterbury Card becomes your membership card to access awesome group fitness classes, the climbing wall, squash or basketball courts, or get moving in the cardio and weight training areas (some programmes and hires incur extra charges).

For more information and to sign up go to www.reccentre.canterbury.ac.nz

Health Centre

The UC Health Centre is devoted to providing excellent medical, counselling and related services to all students enrolled at UC and the wider UC community. The Centre provides services that are affordable, accessible and of high quality.

www.canterbury.ac.nz/healthcentre

Note: Medical problems covered by Marsh Studentsafe-University Insurance are billed directly to the insurance company if you use the UC Health Centre.

Getting around

For information on all the different options for getting to/from UC and around the city go to www.sustain.canterbury.ac.nz/transport

Cycling is a cheap and convenient way to travel. Cycling in Christchurch is helped by the temperate climate, the flat terrain, and the many designated cycle paths. On campus facilities include secure bike stands, lockers, showers, and free basic bike checks.

There are buses running every few minutes from plenty of stops around campus. For bus route and timetable information go to www.metroinfo.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. For more details on the Code go to www.canterbury.ac.nz/support/help/code.shtml

Ready to apply?



Nelson Lakes National Park, courtesy of Chris Calhoun (far right, USA, Exchange student, 2015)

Are you ready for a Study Abroad experience you'll never forget? Follow these steps below.

Check your eligibility

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

- You have completed at least one year of university study at a recognised university or college (in many cases students who have completed less than a year of university study may also be eligible to apply. Gap year and freshman options are also available. Please contact the International Relationships Office for advice).
- You have a grade point average of 2.8 or higher (on a scale of 4), or a B average or higher.
- You meet UC's English language requirements.

Students who are not native English speakers normally need to provide an acceptable score in a standard English language test. For more information go to www.canterbury.ac.nz/admissions/international/english.shtml

Students from Germany may submit an acceptable score in the German DAAD test in lieu of IELTS or TOEFL.

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.

Plan your courses

1. Identify suitable courses offered in the semester you wish to study at UC by looking at the latest course information at www.canterbury.ac.nz/courses. A list of courses offered in 2015 is also provided in the centre insert of this prospectus. This is only a guide, as course offerings may change from year to year. Check with your home institution that the courses you want to take at UC are acceptable for credit back home.
2. You don't need to provide a list of your selected UC courses before we grant you admission. However, if you need confirmation before you leave home that you'll be eligible to take a course here at UC, you are welcome to include a course list with your application and we will seek course pre-approval for you.

Bring a copy of your most recent transcript to UC and have it handy during enrolment, in case you need to talk with a specific department about your selected courses.

Note: some courses will require you to have the necessary prerequisites before enrolling or may have limited spaces available.



'UC has a great engineering school, so I was able to stay on track with my degree plan, and Christchurch is a great central location for exploring the whole country.'

Back home, we don't have tutorial-style classes, so it has been great to work more closely with the lecturers and other students.'

Yassi Sahba
United States

Courses not available or restricted for Study Abroad students include:

- Fine Arts (studio art) courses
- 200-level Law courses
- distance learning courses
- some Physical Education courses
- some Teacher Education courses, and
- clinical practice courses.

Your course choices are flexible. If you arrive at UC and find you are in an unsuitable class, you can make course changes for a limited time without incurring an academic penalty. The key thing to remember is to check with your home university that your new courses will be credited to your degree back home.

Mark the date

Recommended application dates	
2016 Semesters	Due date
Semester 1 (February–June)	1 November 2015
Semester 2 (July–November)	1 May 2016

Applications after these dates will be processed but please ensure you allow time for all the necessary travel preparations, including applying for and receiving a student visa before you travel.

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

Please also note the accommodation application dates on page 14.

Fill out an application form

Fill out the application form in the centre insert and post or email it to us (see form for address). You must include:

- an original or certified true copy of your academic transcript (if emailing your application, please ask your home university to email the transcript to us directly)
- a copy of the personal details page of your passport
- English Language test scores, if English is not your first language.



'Do not hesitate to contact the International Relationships Office — I can't say how much they helped me. Don't be afraid of all the things to think about while planning a Study Abroad semester, it is totally worth it!'

Daniel Graser
Germany

Students wishing to take courses in Civil and Natural Resources Engineering must also supply a list of intended UC courses with their application.

Within a few weeks we will contact you via email to let you know if your application has been successful. We will then email you an information package. This will include an Offer of Place letter (which you will need in order to apply for a visa) and information about enrolment, accommodation and international student orientation.

Pay tuition fees

In 2016, the undergraduate Study Abroad tuition fee will be **NZ\$12,250 per semester**. This allows you to take undergraduate courses across faculties. This is a flat programme fee — fees are not charged per course.

Some courses may have an additional compulsory course cost (such as a field trip) and this cost will be added onto the Study Abroad tuition fee. All students also pay a Student Services Levy (\$372.50 per semester in 2015).

A three-quarter load tuition package (equivalent to three courses) is also available in some cases. Please contact the UC International Relationships Office for information on eligibility and pricing.

Tuition fees will differ for postgraduate Study Abroad applicants who pay fees on a per-course basis. For more information about postgraduate fees go to www.canterbury.ac.nz/future-students/fees-and-funding/postgraduate-tuition-fees

Get financial assistance

UC is offering a significant scholarship programme for Study Abroad students. A number of UC International Mobility Inbound Study Abroad Awards will be available to full-fee paying Study Abroad students who are enrolled in a full-time degree programme at a recognised institution outside of New Zealand, and who wish to study at UC for one semester or one year under UC's Study Abroad programme.

For details of these and other scholarships available at UC, go to www.canterbury.ac.nz/scholarships

More information

International Relationships Office
www.canterbury.ac.nz/future-students/international-students/study-abroad-and-exchange/incoming-study-abroad
Email: ucmobility@canterbury.ac.nz

Prepare to travel safely



Tramping in Aoraki Mount Cook National Park with New Zealand's highest mountain in the background (Brittany Engbers, USA, Study Abroad student, 2015).

Student visa

When your application is approved we will issue you with an Offer of Place letter, which you will need before you can apply for a visa.

You will need to apply for and receive your student visa before travelling to New Zealand. Information on how to apply for a student visa and the location of the nearest office of Immigration New Zealand can be found at www.immigration.govt.nz/migrant/stream/study

In order to fulfil the requirements of your student visa you must be a full-time student.

For full details of visa requirements, advice on rights to employment in New Zealand while studying, and reporting requirements, visit the Immigration New Zealand website at www.immigration.govt.nz

Medical and travel insurance

It is a requirement of the New Zealand government that all international students have appropriate medical and travel insurance.

Studentsafe-University Insurance

You can purchase Studentsafe-University cover when you complete your enrolment in New Zealand. Studentsafe-University meets the standards of the New Zealand Code of Practice for the Pastoral Care of International Students.

Every student intending to purchase Studentsafe-University Insurance is covered by the Studentsafe-University policy from the

time they leave home (up to 31 days prior to enrolment). So, if you intend to enrol at UC, you do not need to purchase your own insurance before you leave home. The cost of this insurance will be added to your enrolment fees. The policy covers transit stopovers but does not cover stopovers regarded as holidays. For more information about Studentsafe-University, go to www.canterbury.ac.nz/international/insurance/studentsafe.shtml

Pre-existing medical conditions

Pre-existing medical conditions are not automatically covered by Studentsafe-University. These are medical or physical conditions that you have before you enrol in the plan and can extend to conditions you were aware of but did not seek treatment for.

If you require additional cover for a pre-existing medical condition with Studentsafe-University, you need to apply for cover by completing a medical risk assessment form available from the website.

If you have a pre-existing medical condition and you intend to purchase another University-approved policy, you need to check whether your pre-existing condition will be covered by that policy.

Purchasing private medical and travel insurance

If you do not want to purchase Studentsafe-University Insurance you must arrange an alternative approved insurance plan. A number of insurance plans are available that meet

the minimum requirements for international students and these are listed at www.canterbury.ac.nz/international/insurance

Dental treatment

We recommend that you have your teeth checked before you leave home. Dental treatment in New Zealand is expensive and is generally not covered by insurance.

Eligibility for health services

Please note that 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. To check your entitlement to publicly funded health services go to www.health.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. www.acc.co.nz

More information

www.canterbury.ac.nz/international/insurance

We look forward to welcoming you to UC!

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