

Information Sheet – Inbound Exchange Students

(**Note:** the information provided in this Information Sheet and on our websites is the information currently available as at July 2022 which may be subject to change.)

Name of University	University of Canterbury
University Website	www.canterbury.ac.nz
Website for Incoming Student Exchange	https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/study/study-abroad-and-exchange/incoming-student-exchange/
Mailing Address	<p>Postal address: International Relationships Office University of Canterbury Private Bag 4800 Christchurch 8140 New Zealand</p> <p>Courier address: International Relationships Office University of Canterbury 20 Kirkwood Ave, Ilam Christchurch 8041 New Zealand</p>
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General Information

University of Canterbury	<p>UC – Top one per cent in the world and the first New Zealand university to receive the prestigious QS five-star ranking for overall excellence.</p> <p>A world class university Triple crown accreditation - UC Business School holds ‘Triple-Crown’ accreditation by AMBA, EQUIS, and AACSB, putting it in the top 1% of business schools worldwide.</p> <p>Top 1% Engineering - Engineering programmes are accredited by Engineering New Zealand, which is a signatory to the Washington Accord. Academic World Ranking of Universities places UC 9th in the world for Civil Engineering (2021).</p> <p>Biological Sciences - Our Bachelor of Science majoring in Biological Sciences is accredited by the Royal Society of Biology in the UK — the first in Aotearoa</p>
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	<p>New Zealand to be recognised in this way.</p> <p>Renowned international faculty UC’s academic staff are well known in their fields and often write the textbooks you will study. UC also brings in academics from around the world, including Oxford and Cambridge, via our staff exchange programme.</p> <p>Research-led programmes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are home to over 40 recognised research centres, institutes, and hubs. • UC is an important research university in Australasia <p>Innovative programmes Over 100 different subjects are offered across 7 Faculties (Arts, Business, Education, Engineering, Health, Law, and Science). 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. Whichever courses you choose, you’ll study alongside Kiwi students.</p> <p>Get involved with clubs There are more than 160 student clubs at UC, covering almost every interest imaginable from sports, politics and international communities through to performing arts and social groups. UC Sport also has group fitness, sport courts, social sport and full weights and cardio options.</p> <p>See how our Study Abroad and Exchange students have experienced New Zealand with their own photos and videos in our gallery at: https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/study/study-abroad-and-exchange/gallery/</p>
Christchurch	<p>Ōtautahi Christchurch is a recreational hot spot is the largest and most central city in the South Island, making it the ideal base to explore from.</p> <p>A recreational hub Christchurch is on the doorstep of a huge outdoor playground – with 10 ski fields within a two-hour drive and beautiful beaches close by, you can surf and ski in the same day. The city’s Port Hills are also popular for walking, rock climbing, and mountain biking.</p> <p>Vibrant entertainment options Christchurch has a busy calendar of events — from art exhibitions and cultural celebrations to sporting events and music festivals. There are over 900 restaurants, cafés, and bars to sample, many of them close to UC.</p> <p>Leisure and lifestyle In 2019, Christchurch topped CNN’s list of 19 places to visit – describing the city, its buildings and culture as “elegant”, “gorgeous”, “colourful”, and “dynamic”.</p> <p>The Canterbury region A temperate climate with lots of sunshine and a full range of spectacular seasons, Canterbury is an ideal place to explore throughout the year. Canterbury has more ski areas than anywhere in the Southern Hemisphere, making it a winter playground. https://www.christchurchnz.com/explore/seasonal-guides/winter</p>

Academic calendar	<p><u>UC Semester 1 2023 (February intake)</u> Lectures commence on: 20 February 2023 Exam period ends on: 24 June 2023</p> <p><u>UC Semester 2 2023 (July intake)</u> Lectures commence on: 17 July 2023 Exam period ends on: 11 November 2023</p> <p>Note: International Welcome (compulsory Orientation) and International Enrolment usually take place in the week before lectures commence. Exchange students should plan to be available in Christchurch up to and including the last day of the exam period, in case you have an exam scheduled on the last day of exam period.</p> <p>The academic dates in 2023 can be found at: www.canterbury.ac.nz/study/keydates</p>
Course load (number of points per semester or per year)	A normal workload for one semester is 60 points (or 120 points for one year). Minimum course load is 45 points per semester (90 points per year) and the maximum load is 75 points per semester.
Level of courses	<p>In <u>Arts, Science and Commerce</u>, the undergraduate (Bachelor) degree is a 3-year degree at Canterbury. This means that 300 level courses are the most advanced undergraduate courses in these areas. 400 level courses in these disciplines are graduate courses and undergraduate exchange students are <u>not</u> eligible to take 400 level courses, unless students have been granted admission to a Postgraduate Certificate of Proficiency.</p> <p>Note, however, that some <u>professional degrees such as Engineering, Forestry, Speech and Language Pathology and Social Work</u> are 4-year degrees and 400 level courses in these areas are therefore classed as undergraduate courses. Exchange students may be permitted to take 400 level courses in these disciplines if they have the necessary pre-requisites and the approval of the relevant department.</p>
Timetable	<p>Timetable Planner: This is a searchable course timetable at: https://mytimetable.canterbury.ac.nz/aplus/timetable/#subjects. It allows anyone to enter combinations of courses and preview how they would fit into a timetable before they enrol at UC.</p>
Course information	https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/courseinfo/AdvancedSearch.aspx
Language of instruction	English
Grading system	https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/study/grading-scale/

Exchange Information

Level of studies that accept exchange students	<p>Undergraduate</p> <p>Postgraduate exchange applications are considered on a case-by-case basis. Approval from academic departments and relevant deans will be required.</p>
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	Students are normally required to meet the postgraduate admissions requirements and have completed a bachelor degree in an appropriate subject with acceptable grades and have met the English language requirements for postgraduate study.
Duration of exchange	1 semester or 1 year (two semesters) Note: summer is not included in the exchange period.
Programmes or courses not open to exchange students / restricted courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Distance learning courses ▪ 200 level Law courses ▪ Fine Arts (studio courses) ▪ Teacher Education <p>Note: Education courses with EDUC course code under the Bachelor of Arts schedule are available to Exchange students.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Some Physical Education and Sport Coaching courses require police checks. Please contact us at ucmobility@canterbury.ac.nz to check if the Physical Education and Sport Coaching courses your students wish to take require police checks. ▪ Journalism ▪ Courses in MBA and Executive Development programmes ▪ Clinical practice courses ▪ Forest Biology (FORE218) ▪ Communication Disorders are open to students who meet pre-requisites except for the clinical practice courses. ▪ Social Work – field work courses are not open to Exchange students. Entry to other theory courses will be considered case-by-case basis and approval from Social Work will be required. <p>Engineering - students wishing to take courses in any Engineering subject should include a list of courses they wish to take at UC with their Exchange application. Students who meet general admission requirements will be granted admission to the University first as per usual and their courses will then be sent to the appropriate Engineering department(s) for a decision as to whether students are able to take their selected courses. The International Relationships Office (IRO) will then advise students as to which courses have been approved.</p> <p>Some other courses are limited entry and may have additional entry requirements. Please contact the International Mobility Team if students have enquiries about course restrictions.</p>
GPA requirement	B average
English language requirement	Please see: https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/enrol/international/english/
Nomination deadlines	For partner universities: please refer to our email discussion for information on nomination criteria. If you have not contacted us to discuss the number of places available to your students with us, please do so first before you select and nominate students to us. Please also contact us if you do not have our nomination form. Semester 1 2023 (February intake): 1 October 2022 Nominations opens in August 2022 and nominations and exchange applications will be processed on a rolling basis.

	Semester 2 2023 (July intake): 15 March 2023 Nominations opens in January 2023 and nominations and exchange applications will be processed on a rolling basis.
Application deadlines	Semester 1 2023 (February intake): 1 November 2022 Semester 2 2023 (July intake): 15 April 2023 Note: Exchange applications will be processed on a rolling basis. Please advise students to submit their applications before the appropriate deadline above.
Nomination and Application procedures / documents required	Please see information about the application process on the webpage for Incoming Exchange Students at: https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/study/study-abroad-and-exchange/incoming-student-exchange/
Services and facilities available to exchange students	Facilities to support your study at UC include modern lecture theatres, innovative learning hubs, well-resourced libraries, and state-of-the-art specialist teaching and research laboratories. There are more than 160 clubs at UC, covering almost every interest imaginable from sports, politics, and international, through to community, performing arts, and social focuses. www.uca.org.nz/clubs/find-a-club With dedicated support services, a focus on student health and wellbeing, and so many clubs, events, and outdoor adventure activities on our doorstep, you will have an unforgettable UC experience. https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/support/needtotalk/ We also offer a range of other support services and you can see the information at: www.canterbury.ac.nz/support/
Transcript	Students do not need to request a transcript. Official transcripts (electronic) are provided via My eEquals after the completion of a student's exchange. My eEquals is a secured online platform allowing students to share the transcript with their home university. We will provide instructions to students on how to share the transcripts when the transcripts become available.

Arrival / International Welcome (compulsory Orientation)

Recommended arrival dates	Compulsory International Welcome (Orientation) and International Enrolment usually take place the week before lectures commence. Therefore, students should plan to arrive before the International Welcome takes place. The dates of compulsory International Welcome (Orientation) and International Enrolment will be confirmed in due course. Students should register for the International Welcome online: https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/international/how-do-i-enrol/welcome/ If staying in UC Accommodation Student Village (UCA) on campus (recommended for Exchange students, see further information on accommodation below), the arrival dates are posted on the website above. The arrival dates may be subject to change. An earlier arrival date is subject to availability.
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	Note: Semester 2 students cannot arrive too early as there is a tight turnaround time between Semester 1 students leaving and Semester 2 students arriving. See the move-in date on the website of the Study Abroad and Exchange accommodation offer below.
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Accommodation

On-campus accommodation	<p>UC offers excellent housing options to ensure you make the most of your Kiwi experience. To make your housing arrangements as easy and stress-free as possible, a guaranteed offer is available to those studying through a Study Abroad or Exchange programme. This offer is available to students staying for Semester 1 (February–June), Semester 2 (July–December), or the Academic Year (February–November).</p> <p>https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/life/accommodation/international/exchange/</p> <p>On-campus housing is guaranteed for applications received by: 1 December for a Semester 1 (February) 2023 start, or 1 May for a Semester 2 (July) 2023 start. Applications received after these dates are subject to availability.</p> <p>Most Study Abroad students stay at Ilam Apartments on campus. Accommodation is provided in modern self-catered apartments just a few minutes' walk from campus and close to supermarkets, malls, and public transport. A residential life programme is organised to help you get settled, find the support you need, and most importantly, enjoy the experience on campus.</p> <p>When making travel plans, it is very important that students also refer to the above accommodation website for the move-in dates, since if they arrive earlier than the move in dates they would need to find temporary accommodation until the move-in time.</p>
Application process	<p>Information on how to apply online and the online application form can be found on the Study Abroad and Exchange accommodation web page: https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/life/accommodation/international/exchange/.</p>
Other accommodation facilities	<p>Please see the information on other accommodation facilities on the website of the Accommodation Office: https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/life/accommodation/</p> <p>Note that it could be difficult for students coming for one semester to find off-campus private rental accommodation, so we would recommend that all students apply for accommodation on-campus at Ilam Apartments.</p>

Visa Requirements

Are exchange students required to obtain a student visa?	Yes. Please see details on Immigration New Zealand's website: https://www.immigration.govt.nz/new-zealand-visas/options/study
Are exchange students allowed to work?	Please refer to Immigration New Zealand's website above.

Medical and Travel Insurance

Compulsory medical and travel insurance	<p>Exchange students must have appropriate and current medical and travel insurance while studying in New Zealand. This insurance must meet requirements set by the New Zealand government under the NZ Ministry of Education (Pastoral Care of Tertiary and International Learners) Code of Practice 2021. (https://www.nzqa.govt.nz/providers-partners/education-code-of-practice/)</p> <p>The Studentsafe Inbound University Policy provides comprehensive medical and travel insurance cover for non-NZ citizens or residents who study at a NZ University and temporarily reside in NZ. This is UC's preferred insurance policy and provider.</p> <p>Exchange students can purchase Studentsafe-University cover when they complete their enrolment in person on campus. If exchange students hope to utilise an alternative insurance policy, they must apply to the Enrolment team at the UC to have the cover assessed at least four weeks before enrolment to determine whether it meets the minimum requirements for a travel and medical insurance policy. The application form for insurance assessment is available on the web page above. It is important to note that many overseas insurance policies do <u>not</u> meet New Zealand requirements and students need to be aware that a policy required by their home university or issued in their home country may not necessarily meet New Zealand requirements and that purchase of the default insurance at enrolment may be required.</p> <p>See Insurance website for incoming students for full details about insurance such as the Studentsafe-University policy and minimum insurance requirements.</p>
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Fees and Costs

Accommodation	See fees on the web page of the accommodation offer for exchange students: https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/life/accommodation/international/exchange/
Living costs	Living costs may vary depending on your accommodation and lifestyle choices, but you should, in general, budget for at least NZ\$1,700 per month for 2023.
Food / meals	Meal plans are available at some of the on-campus accommodation facilities. You can visit the individual web page of these facilities to find out the costs of the meal plans.
Academic expenses	Students should budget for the costs of field trips (if field trips are included as part of their courses), books, stationery and other course-related costs.
Insurance	See the information on medical and travel insurance above.
Late Enrolment Fee	This fee is waived if you complete your international enrolment by the due date.
Visa	Any applicable visa application fees.