

# Your Direct Pathway to a World-Ranked New Zealand Degree

UC International College (UCIC) provides direct and exclusive pathway programmes for international students to the University of Canterbury (UC). Upon successful completion of their UCIC programme, students progress directly into the first or second year of their UC degree.

At UCIC, our purpose is to prepare students for academic success while equipping them with the confidence to achieve their full potential. UCIC places a strong emphasis on students' growth as they transition to

university life in Christchurch, New Zealand, helping them build the confidence and independence needed to succeed both academically and personally.

As a full-time UCIC student, you are eligible for New Zealand student visa work rights, allowing you to work part-time during the academic year and full-time during scheduled breaks. This provides valuable opportunities to gain work experience, enhance employability, and help cover living expenses while studying.

## WHY CHOOSE UCIC?



Be a UC student  
from Day 1



Fast track into your  
dream degree at the  
University of Canterbury  
within 4-12 months



Small classes with  
experienced and  
caring teaching staff



Study in Ōtautahi  
Christchurch (ranked QS  
Best Student Cities 2026)



A proven track record  
of excellence with a  
98% progression rate  
into higher study



Gain NZ Work rights  
during and after study

## Our pathway options to UC

### Certificate in Foundation Studies

The Foundation Studies Programme replaces the final year of high school, providing a focused pathway into any UC's bachelor's degree. Upon completion, students have direct progression into a UCIC Diploma in University Studies, or into the first year of a UC degree.

### Diploma in University Studies

This programme is equivalent to International Year 1. Upon completion of UCIC's Diploma in University studies, you will transfer on to the second year of your intended bachelors degree in Commerce, Data Science, Engineering or Science.

### Certificate/Diploma in Postgraduate Preparation.

Upon completion and achieving the minimum GPA requirement, you will be guaranteed entry to a range of master's degrees across Business, Engineering, Science, Health, Education, and Arts disciplines.

### Study Abroad Certificate

Experience New Zealand student life while improving your English and earning credits towards your home institution or future study in New Zealand. Choose a one-trimester Study Abroad programme in Commerce, Engineering, or Science, and complete three subjects.

**Ready to take your next step?**  
**Contact our admissions office today.**

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# Entry requirements | Japan

| Programme                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Academic Requirements                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | English Language requirements                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Available UC Degree Majors                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
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| <b>Study Abroad Certificate</b><br><br><b>2027 Intakes:</b><br>15 February<br>14 June<br>11 October                                                                                                                                                                    | One of the following:<br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Completion of High school with Graduate Certificate with a GPA of 60%</li> <li>• Achieve a university GPA of 60%</li> <li>• A university enrollment certificate</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | IELTS 5.5 (with no band below 5.0), or<br><br>TOEFL Total minimum score of 46 (Writing is not below 14), or<br><br>Pearson Test of English (Academic) PTE with an overall score of 42 (No PTE communicative skills score below 36), Duolingo minimum total score of 95 (no band below 80)<br><br>EAP 1 with a minimum C+ grade | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Engineering</li> <li>• Commerce</li> <li>• Science</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Certificate in Foundation Studies</b><br><br><b>Fees:</b> NZ \$28,842**<br><b>Duration:</b> 8 Months<br><b>2027 Intakes:</b><br>15 February<br>14 June<br>11 October                                                                                                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Completion of Year 2 of General Upper Secondary School (Kotogakko) with a Grade 2.5 average or higher. Or</li> <li>• Completion of Year 1 of the IB.</li> </ul> <p>Students intending to study Science at the bachelor's level must have successfully studied maths/calculus</p> <p>Students intending to study Engineering at the bachelor's level must have successfully studied maths/calculus, physics and chemistry.</p> | IELTS 5.5 (with no band below 5.0), or<br><br>TOEFL Total minimum score of 46 (Writing is not below 14), or<br><br>Duolingo minimum total score of 95 (no band below 80)<br><br>EAP 1 with a minimum C+ grade                                                                                                                  | Any Bachelor degree at University of Canterbury.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Diploma in University Studies</b><br><br><b>Fees:</b><br>NZ\$37,691.28** (Commerce Pathway)<br>NZ \$47,120** (Engineering Pathway)<br>NZ \$41,909** (Science Pathway)<br><b>Duration:</b> 12 Months<br><b>2027 Intakes:</b><br>15 February<br>14 June<br>11 October | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Completion of Year 3 of General Upper Secondary School (Kotogakko) with a GPA of 2.5 or higher.</li> </ul> <p>Students intending to study Science at the bachelor's level must have successfully studied maths/calculus</p> <p>Students intending to study Engineering at the bachelor's level must have successfully studied maths/calculus, physics and chemistry.</p>                                                      | IELTS 5.5 (with no band below 5.0)<br><br>Duolingo Minimum total score of 95 (No band below 80)<br><br>EAP 1 with a minimum C+ grade                                                                                                                                                                                           | <div>Commerce</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Accounting</li> <li>• Economics</li> <li>• Finance</li> <li>• Human Resources Management</li> <li>• Information Systems</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• International Business - Marketing</li> <li>• International Business - Finance</li> <li>• Management</li> <li>• Marketing</li> <li>• Operations and Supply Chain Management</li> <li>• Strategy and Entrepreneurship</li> </ul> <div>Engineering</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Civil Engineering</li> <li>• Forestry Engineering</li> <li>• Mechanical Engineering</li> <li>• Chemical and Process Engineering</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Computer Engineering</li> <li>• Electrical and Electronic Engineering</li> <li>• Mechatronics Engineering</li> <li>• Software Engineering</li> </ul> <div>Science</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Computer Science</li> <li>• Bachelor of Data Science</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Financial Engineering</li> <li>• Mathematics</li> <li>• Statistics</li> </ul> |
| <b>Certificate in Postgraduate Preparation</b><br><br><b>Fees:</b> NZ \$17,800**<br><b>Duration:</b> 16 Weeks<br><b>2027 Intakes:</b><br>15 February<br>11 October                                                                                                     | Students must have completed a bachelor's degree                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | IELTS 6.0 (with no band below 5.5)<br><br>Duolingo Minimum total score of 105 (no band below 95)<br><br>EAP2 with a minimum C+ grade                                                                                                                                                                                           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Master of Applied Data Science</li> <li>• Master of Applied Finance and Economics</li> <li>• Master of Business Information Systems</li> <li>• Master of Business Management</li> <li>• Master of Civil Engineering</li> <li>• Master of Disaster Risk and Resilience</li> <li>• Master of Engineering Management (Online Only)</li> <li>• Master of Engineering Studies</li> <li>• Master of Financial Analysis</li> <li>• Master of Geospatial Data Science</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Master of International Relations and Diplomacy</li> <li>• Master of Marketing</li> <li>• Master of Policy and Governance</li> <li>• Master of Product Design</li> <li>• Master of Product Innovation</li> <li>• Master of Professional Accounting</li> <li>• Master of Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages</li> <li>• Master of Urban Resilience and Renewal</li> <li>• Master of Water Science and Management</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Diploma in Postgraduate Preparation</b><br><br><b>Fees:</b> NZ \$35,900**<br><b>Duration:</b> 32 Weeks<br><b>2027 Intakes:</b><br>15 February<br>11 October                                                                                                         | Students must have completed an advanced diploma or associate degree.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | IELTS 6.0 (with no band below 5.5)<br><br>Duolingo Minimum total score of 105 (no band below 95)<br><br>EAP2 with a minimum C+ grade                                                                                                                                                                                           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Master of Applied Data Science</li> <li>• Master of Applied Finance and Economics</li> <li>• Master of Business Information Systems</li> <li>• Master of Business Management</li> <li>• Master of Civil Engineering</li> <li>• Master of Disaster Risk and Resilience</li> <li>• Master of Engineering Management (Online Only)</li> <li>• Master of Engineering Studies</li> <li>• Master of Financial Analysis</li> <li>• Master of Geospatial Data Science</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Master of International Relations and Diplomacy</li> <li>• Master of Marketing</li> <li>• Master of Policy and Governance</li> <li>• Master of Product Design</li> <li>• Master of Product Innovation</li> <li>• Master of Professional Accounting</li> <li>• Master of Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages</li> <li>• Master of Urban Resilience and Renewal</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                      |

## Scholarships



### 10% Global Student Awards

All students who are academically eligible to study in a UC programme in February 2027 will receive a Global Student Award equal to 10% of their tuition fees.

## Study Abroad Experience in Christchurch

Explore the South Island's natural wonders

Studying in Christchurch puts you right in the very centre of the South Island. As the South Island's largest city, major hub and central gateway, no other location offers such unparalleled access to all that the South Island has to offer.



Adventure at your doorstep

Ski and surf in one day

Connect through culture

World-Class Scenery

International student entry varies by country and/or region. See your country's specific requirements: [www.uc.ac.nz/admissions/entry-requirements/academic](http://www.uc.ac.nz/admissions/entry-requirements/academic) \*\* This fee is indicative only and does not include additional costs such as course materials, insurance, and levies. Prices include GST where applicable. \*\*\* Please check that the end date of your pre-master's programme aligns with the start date of your preferred master's degree. Most master's degrees have a February and/or July start date.