UC INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE
TŪ TE AO, CHRISTCHURCH, NEW ZEALAND

UC UNIVERSITY OF CANTERBURY
Te Whare Wānanga o Waitaha
CHRISTCHURCH NEW ZEALAND

2027
International
Programme Flyer

Preparing you thrive at the University of Canterbury

Christchurch, New Zealand



Grow and thrive in New Zealand

As an international student, you will experience all that Aotearoa New Zealand has to offer, from dynamic cities to breathtaking landscapes and unlimited outdoor adventure.

1st safest study destination

3rd most peaceful country*

18th in the world for education^

11th in the world for natural environment

Up to 3-year post-study work visa



About Christchurch

Happiest City in New Zealand (2024 Happy City Index)

15-30% cheaper than other major cities to live (Christchurch, NZ)

2nd largest city in New Zealand

#1 job prospects in New Zealand (MBIE, 2025)

*Global Peace Index, 2025.
^Legatum Prosperity Index, 2023.

University of Canterbury

Ranked in the **top 2%** of universities worldwide (World Higher Education Database, 2023)

QS **5 STAR** rating

Ranked 2nd in New Zealand for employability outcomes and employer reputation

Ranked 3rd in New Zealand for the research intensity of its academic staff

At UC International College, you are a University of Canterbury student from day one.

You are fully immersed in campus life, with access to UC's facilities, services, and the full range of student experiences.

As a UCIC student studying full-time, 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 holidays, supporting both your living costs and employability while you study.

Upon successful completion of your programme at UCIC, you will transition seamlessly to the next stage of your academic journey at the University of Canterbury, continuing your studies within the UC degree you have been preparing for.

Why UCIC?

UC International College (UCIC) provides high quality academic support and resources to international students at the University of Canterbury. Our purpose is to prepare and help students to succeed academically, equipping them with the confidence to develop their full potential.

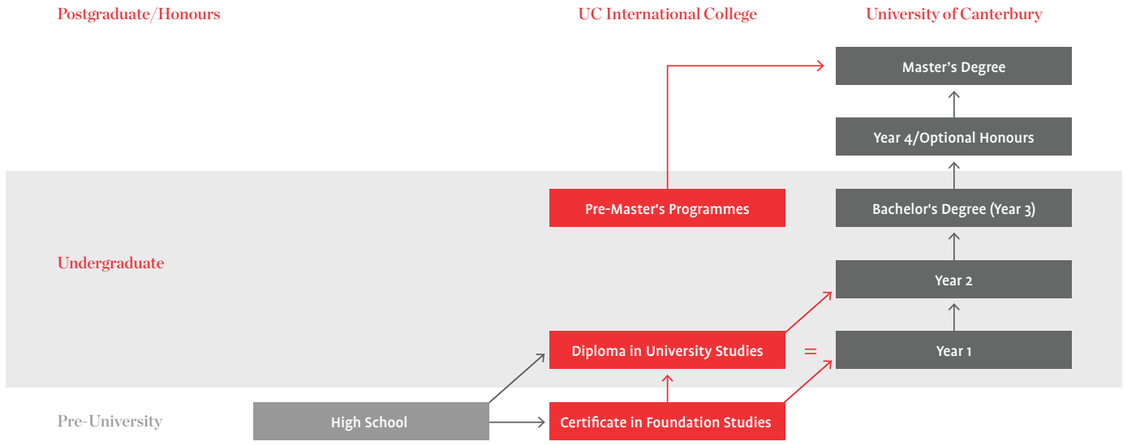
UCIC offers small classes and personalised, one-on-one engagement with lecturers. Alongside helping develop English language and study skills, UCIC focuses on the self-development, personal growth, and resilience of students while they transition into a new university life in Christchurch, New Zealand.

While studying at UCIC, students encounter a nurturing and culturally diverse environment, enjoying access to a huge range of services and opportunities both within and beyond the classroom. These opportunities provide them with the chance to explore and connect with like-minded individuals who share similar interests and passions.

UCIC Quick Facts

- 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
- Enjoy life on the beautiful UC campus
- A proven track record of excellence with a 98% progression rate into higher study

Your pathways to UC



Certificate in Foundation Studies

The Certificate in Foundation Studies is equivalent to the final year of secondary school study and is designed to bridge the gap between high school and university entrance. In the Foundation Programme students complete a set of core courses, a numeracy elective and three courses from an area of focus (Arts, Commerce, Engineering, and Science).

The course **Global Intercultural Citizenship** develops students' understanding of the key concepts of cultural identity and cultural diversity, with an emphasis on the unique local bicultural context of Aotearoa New Zealand and explores strategies for promoting intercultural empathy and collaboration at a global level.

The course **Sustainable Citizenship** introduces students to the principles of sustainable development and develops analytical skills required to assess the impact of human activities both locally and globally.

Students choose from other elective courses including Media & Communications, Psychology, Sociology, Information Design, Economics, Accounting, Management & Marketing, Chemistry, Physics, Statistics, Biology & Programming.

Intakes
February, June, October

Duration
2 Trimesters (8 months)

Academic Requirements
The academic entry requirements into the Certificate in Foundation Studies vary by country/region.
For a full list of academic entry requirements, visit **ucic.ac.nz/admissions/entry-requirements/academic**

Qualification	Requirement
International Baccalaureate	Completion of Year 1 of the IB
GCSE/IGCSE	Completion of Year 11 with passing grades in four (4) academic subjects
New Zealand - NCEA	Completion of a minimum of 36 credits from Level 2 and 3, with at least 10 credits in each of the three (3) UE approved subjects

Certificate in Foundation Studies Programme Outcomes
Upon successful completion, students will transition to the first year of any degree at the University of Canterbury or to UCIC's relevant Diploma in University Studies programme.



"Thanks to the smaller classes, I got all the academic and personal support I needed to start university with confidence. Unlike back home, the teachers really take the time to know you and are always there to help one-on-one."

Amanda Bao
China
Certificate in Foundation Studies
Successfully progressed to:
Bachelor of Teaching and Learning (Early Childhood Education)

Study Abroad Certificate

The Study Abroad Certificate is a one-semester programme designed to give students a taste of what student life is like at UC International College. Students can choose three academic courses from one stream while experiencing the best of what New Zealand has to offer.

If you want the chance to study in beautiful New Zealand and are looking to diversify your current study plan during a gap trimester, then UCIC's Study Abroad Programme may be for you.

Study Abroad is a one semester programme designed to allow students to improve their English language skills while undertaking three academic subjects and credit their courses to future study at home or in New Zealand.

Study Stream
- Engineering
- Commerce
- Science

Duration
1 Semester (4 months)

For more information, contact your local agent or reach out to us at **admissions@ucic.ac.nz**



Diploma in University Studies

The Diploma in University Studies comprises eight courses and is completed in three trimesters spanning 12 months of study. Students are able to complete their Diploma in one of three areas of specialisation - Commerce, Engineering or Science – before completing the final years of a range of bachelor's degrees and subject majors at UC.

DipUS – Commerce

A degree in commerce gives you the knowledge and skills to succeed in the global business environment. Students studying commerce at UCIC complete core courses in Accounting, Economics, Management, Statistics, and Information Systems, as well as a range of electives to ensure students are able to choose from the entire array of majors in the Bachelor of Commerce.

Intakes
February, June, October

Duration
3 Trimesters (1 year)

DipUS – Science

Studying science helps students understand the world through observation, experimentation, modelling and calculation. At UCIC we focus on developing students' skills and abilities in computational science that allow them to progress into subject areas such as Computer Science, Financial Engineering, Mathematics, and Statistics. Our students are also able to pathway into the Bachelor of Data Science.

Intakes
February, June, October

Duration
3 Trimesters (1 year)

DipUS – Engineering

Engineering is a four-year degree that provides students the opportunity to pursue one of eight disciplines in their final three professional years of study. University of Canterbury engineering graduates can work as qualified engineers all over the world. In their first year at UCIC, students build a foundation of knowledge in Engineering Processes, Mathematics, Physics, and Computer Science.

Intakes
February, October

Duration
3 Trimesters (1 year)

Academic Requirements
The academic entry requirements into the Diploma in University Studies vary by country/region.
For a full list of academic entry requirements, visit **ucic.ac.nz/admissions/entry-requirements/academic**

Qualification	Requirement
International Baccalaureate	Completion of at least 18 points across six (6) subjects
Cambridge International Examinations	Passing grades in at least two A or AS level academic subjects with at least 3 points overall
New Zealand - NCEA	Completion of a minimum of 10 credits in each of three UE approved subjects at Level 3

What Bachelor's degrees can you do at UC?

After completing Diploma Programmes, students will transition into their 2nd year at the University of Canterbury. Students can choose from a wide selection of majors in the Bachelor of Commerce, Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Engineering, and Bachelor of Data Science, which will help them achieve their dream career.

While studying at UCIC, students also get in-study work rights, allowing them to work up to 25 hours per week.

#2 *for employment outcomes in Aotearoa New Zealand (QS World Rankings, 2025)*

#5 *for employment outcomes in Australasia (QS World Rankings, 2025)*



"UCIC did more than just prepare me academically - it gave me a warm sense of community and lifelong friends. Through the Student Buddy programme and serving as Student Council President, I improved my self-management and communication skills. My confidence has definitely leveled up for uni and my future career in banking."

Hafizh
Indonesia
Diploma in University Studies – Commerce. Successfully progressed to Bachelor of Commerce (Economics & Finance)

Pre-Master's Programmes

The Pre-Master's Programme provides an accessible pathway to postgraduate study, equipping international students with the academic skills needed to thrive in master's degrees across Business, Engineering, Science, Health, Education, and Arts.

Certificate of Postgraduate Preparation

The UCIC-taught Certificate in Postgraduate Preparation Programme provides an accelerated pathway into postgraduate study for international students who hold a bachelor's degree but do not meet entry requirements.

The pathway comprises one semester of coursework that prepares you generally for postgraduate study at UC, including courses that develop skills and knowledge in cultural and bi-cultural awareness, communication, critical thinking, and data analysis.

Intakes February, October

Duration 1 Semester (4 months)

Entry Requirements
To enter the Certificate in Postgraduate Preparation you must hold a **bachelor's degree** and meet our English language entry requirements.

Diploma in Postgraduate Preparation

The Diploma in Postgraduate Preparation Programme is a comprehensive pre-university pathway into master's study for international students who hold an advanced diploma or an associate degree, but not a full bachelor's degree.

The pathway comprises one semester of coursework that prepares you generally for postgraduate study at UC and a second semester in advanced undergraduate courses in your chosen fields of interest.

The first semester in UC's Diploma in Postgraduate Preparation is delivered exclusively by UCIC. The second semester courses are taught by UC.

Intakes February, October

Duration 2 Semesters (9 months)

Entry Requirements
To enter the Diploma in Postgraduate Preparation you must hold an **advanced diploma or associate degree.** You will also need to meet our English language entry requirements.



"The teachers and specialised courses at UCIC gave me the exact preparation I needed to meet the high expectations of New Zealand postgraduate study"

Marylin Cheath
Cambodia
Diploma in Postgraduate Preparation. Successfully progressed to Master of Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages

Pre-Master's Programme Outcomes

Upon completion of the Pre-Masters programmes, you will be able to enter a range of master's degrees across Business, Engineering, Science, Health, Education, and Arts disciplines. Students finishing their Pre-Master's Programme in June need to check that there is a suitable July intake for their preferred master's programme. Visit **www.ucic.ac.nz** for an up-to-date list as additional master's programmes and intakes might be added over time.

Pre-Master's Programme	Entry to UC's degree:	
Certificate in Postgraduate Preparation	• Master of Applied Data Science • Master of Applied Finance and Economics • Master of Business Information Systems • Master of Business Management • Master of Disaster Risk and Resilience • Master of Financial Analysis • Master of Geospatial Data Science • Master of Health Science (Nursing) • Master of International Relations and Diplomacy	• Master of Marketing • Master of Policy and Governance • Master of Product Design • Master of Product Innovation • Master of Professional Accounting • Master of Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages • Master of Urban Resilience and Renewal • Master of Water Science and Management
Diploma in Postgraduate Preparation	• Master of Artificial Intelligence • Master of Arts • Master of Applied Data Science • Master of Applied Finance and Economics • Master of Business Information Systems • Master of Business Management • Master of Financial Analysis • Master of Marketing • Master of Health Science (Nursing)	• Master of International Relations and Diplomacy • Master of Policy and Governance • Master of Product Design • Master of Product Innovation • Master of Professional Accounting • Master of Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages • Master of Urban Resilience and Renewal • Master of Water Science and Management • Professional Master of Computer Science

Scholarships

Global Student Awards February Intake 2027

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

UCIC students are eligible for University of Canterbury scholarships after completing just one trimester of study, including the Dean's Award (undergraduate and postgraduate students, UC International First-Year Scholarships, and many others.

Visit our website for full details and eligibility criteria at: **ucic.ac.nz/study/scholarship**

Your Investment*

Estimated Fees and charges for the 2027 academic year (GST inclusive)

Programme	2027 Tuition fees (NZD$)
Certificate in Foundation Studies	$28,842
DipUS — Commerce	$37,691
DipUS — Science	$41,909
DipUS — Engineering	$47,120
One Semester Pre-Master's	$17,800
Two Semester Pre-Master's	$35,900
Study Abroad Certificate	$13,400

**This tuition fee estimate is indicative, and your final fees total is dependent on your course selection. A Statement of Fees with your final fees total will be provided at the time of your course enrolment on campus.*



What You Need to Know

Important Dates 2027

Trimester	Start Date	Mid-trimester Break	End Date
February 2027	22 February	29 March - 2 April	14 May
June 2027	14 June	2 - 13 August	13 September
October 2027	18 October	27 Dec - 7 Jan 2028	23 December

English Entry Requirements

English language proficiency tests recognised for admission to UCIC:

Test	Certificate in Foundation Studies (CFS) Diploma in University Studies (DipUS)	Pre-Master's Programmes
IELTS (Academic)	Overall 5.5 score (No band score below 5.0)	Overall 6.0 score (No band score below 5.5)
TOEFL Internet based test (iBT/Home edition)	Overall 46 score (Writing is not below 14)	Overall 80 score (Reading, Writing, and Listening is not below 19)
LanguageCert (IESOL)	B2 Communicator: CFS - Written (LRW) PASS and Spoken (S) PASS with no less than 25/50 in each skill DipUS - Written (LRW) HIGH PASS with overall 101 points and no less than 25/50 in each skill. Spoken (S) PASS with no less than 25/50 in each skill	C1 Expert (LRWS): Overall PASS, no less than 25/50 in each skill
Pearson Test of English (Academic)	Overall score of 42 (No PTE communicative skills score below 36)	PTE with an overall score of 50 (No PTE communicative skills score below 42)
Duolingo	Minimum total score of 95 (No band below 80)	Minimum total score of 105
New Zealand NCEA Level 2 and/or 3	4 credits for Reading and 4 credits for Writing from the UE literacy OR 5 credits of Level 3 English Language standards	N /A
CCEL's English for Academic Purposes (EAP)	EAP 1 with a minimum C+ grade	EAP 2 with a minimum C+ grade

For a full list of accepted English language test for admissions, please visit:
ucic.ac.nz/admissions/entry-requirements/english

Christchurch College of English (CCEL)

CCEL is a highly rated English language school in New Zealand, located on the beautiful University of Canterbury campus in Christchurch. CCEL offers English for Academic Purposes (EAP) courses to help students achieve their goals of university study through enhancing their academic English skills. Upon successful completion of 12-week EAP 1 Programme, students can gain direct entry (without an external exam) to CCEL's partner institutions, UC International College and the University of Canterbury.

Accommodation

UC Halls of Residence

Fun and lively catered and self-catered options for First Year students. Private single bedrooms with study area, access to university Wi-Fi network, and social programmes. The distance to school is a five minute walk from the main library and lecture halls.

Homestay

Live with a New Zealand family and have your meals provided. Included: Three meals a day, fully furnished room with study desk, bathroom and laundry facilities, local telephone calls and internet. Distance to school varies, but will be within walking distance or accessible by public transport.

Private renting

Private renting with other people can be a very affordable way to live and study in Christchurch. The suburbs around UC provide excellent options for students. Distance to school varies, but will be within walking distance or accessible by public transport.

For Under 18 Accommodation, contact UCIC Admissions **admissions@ucic.ac.nz**
For further information on UC accommodation options, visit: **canterbury.ac.nz/life/accommodation** or scan the **QR code.**

How to apply

To secure a place at UC International College, simply follow the steps below:

1

Choose your programme and desired start date

UCIC offers supportive pathway programmes across different streams.
See pages 4-6 to see which programme is best for you.
See page 7 for 2027 Semester Dates.

2

Check the entry requirements

To enter UCIC programmes students must meet both our Academic and English language requirements.
Visit **ucic.ac.nz/admissions/entry-requirements** for a complete list.
If you are unsure, email **admissions@ucic.ac.nz**

3

Seek advice from a UCIC representative

UCIC has a wide network of representative all over the world.
Our representatives will be able to assist you selecting your programme, or on how to help apply for a visa.
Visit **ucic.ac.nz/find-agent** for a complete list of our representative

4

Apply for admissions

You need to apply via **ucic.ac.nz/how-to-apply** and submit the following:

1. Certified copies of your academic qualifications
2. Evidence of your English language proficiency
3. A copy of your passport or any study permits
4. Any relevant employment documentation, if required

5

Accept your offer

If you are successful in securing an Offer of Place with us, congratulations! Read your offer letter and make sure you meet all conditions stated in the letter, accept the offer via myUC and make tuition fees payment to the UC bank account. This will secure your place!



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