

Information Sheet – Incoming exchange students

Name of University	University of Canterbury
University Website	http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/
Website for Exchange Students	http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/international/exchange/income.shtml
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>Established in 1873 by scholars from Oxford and Cambridge, the University of Canterbury, in Christchurch, New Zealand, has an international reputation for academic excellence in both teaching and research. Teaching staff are actively involved in research and publishing in their areas of speciality. As a result, even undergraduate students can expect to be taught by lecturers who are at the forefront of knowledge in their field. The University's world-class education is also enhanced by the many outstanding international academics who visit each year on our staff exchange programmes. Students may be taught by academic staff from the universities of Oxford or Cambridge, among many others.</p> <p>The University is situated in a spacious landscaped campus in the suburb of Ilam, Christchurch, only 15 minutes from the central city and 10 minutes from the International Airport. The campus is attractively landscaped, with plenty of green space to relax with friends between</p>
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	<p>lectures. Modern facilities include four libraries, computer suites with 24-hour access, lecture theatres, laboratories, studios, six halls of residence and a host of student services and facilities, including cafés, bars, a health centre and pharmacy, recreation facilities, childcare facilities, shops, an art gallery and an events centre.</p> <p>See the UC video on Youtube: http://www.youtube.com/universitycanterbury</p>
Christchurch	<p>Christchurch is the largest city in New Zealand's South Island. It lies on the coastal edge of the Canterbury Plains close to both the sea and the mountains.</p> <p>With a population of around 360,000, Christchurch is the largest city in the South Island. It has a temperate climate, with low rainfall (half as much as Auckland and Wellington), lots of sunshine and the full range of spectacular seasons. From hot summers when nor'westers whip across the plains, to crisp winter days with clear blue skies (and great skiing), to awesome autumnal displays and springtime blossoms, Christchurch is a city of colour and constant change.</p> <p>The Port Hills offer a range of recreational activities and the city is within easy reach of the spectacular scenery of the South Island for climbing, tramping, mountain biking, skiing and snowboarding. Ten skifields are within two hours' drive and nearby are the historic French town of Akaroa, the thermal resort of Hanmer Springs and the seaside settlement of Kaikoura, famous for whale watching.</p> <p>Lonely Planet has named Christchurch in sixth place in its Best in Travel 2013: Top 10 Cities.</p> <p>More information: www.christchurchnz.com</p>
Academic calendar	<p><u>UC Semester 1 2014 (February intake)</u> International Welcome (Orientation): 18 February, students should arrive before this date. Enrolment for all international students: TBC but it will be in the week of 17 February, students should arrive before this date. Lectures commence on: 24 February 2014 Exams end on: 29 June 2014</p> <p><u>UC Semester 2 2014 (July intake)</u> International Welcome (Orientation): 9 July, students should arrive before this date. Enrolment for all international students: TBC but it will be held between 9 July and 11 July. Lectures commence on: 14 July 2014 Exams end on: 14 November 2013</p> <p>The academic dates in 2014 can be found at: http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/theuni/key_dates/ay2014.shtml</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</u> such as <u>Forestry, Speech and Language Therapy, Social Work and Engineering</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>
Course information	http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/courses/
Language of instruction	English

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>
Duration of exchange	1 semester or 1 year
Programmes or courses not open to exchange students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Distance learning courses ▪ 200 level Law courses ▪ Fine Arts ▪ 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"> ▪ Physical Education ▪ Sport Coaching – entry to some Sport Coaching courses may be considered on a case-by-case basis. ▪ Journalism ▪ MBA ▪ All clinical practice courses ▪ 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. ▪ Civil Engineering - while the Department of Civil Engineering welcomes Study Abroad and Exchange students and can usually

	<p>accommodate most course requests, there are limits on capacity in some Civil Engineering courses. In order to ensure that students know in advance whether students will be able to be accommodated into the courses students need, we now require that all students wishing to take any Civil Engineering courses (courses coded ENCN or ENCI) include a list of courses they wish to take at UC with their 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 Civil Engineering for a decision as to whether students are able to take their selected courses. The International Relationships Office will then advise students as to which courses have been approved.</p> <p>It is also recommended that students applying to other engineering disciplines provide a list of courses with their application.</p> <p>Some other courses are limited entry and may have additional entry requirements. Please contact the International Mobility Co-ordinator if students have enquiries about course restrictions.</p>
Volunteering opportunities	<p>CHCH101 Rebuilding Christchurch - An Introduction to Community Engagement in Tertiary Studies</p> <p>CHCH 101 is a for-credit course incorporating a service learning component, which gives you the chance to connect with the recovery and rebuilding of Christchurch after the recent earthquakes while earning academic credit. Building upon the great community spirit of the Student Volunteer Army, this course combines service efforts with academic content about community engagement. Once you enrol in CHCH 101 you'll be connected with several whole-class service projects and many optional, individual service projects related to earthquake.</p> <p>More information: http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/courseinfo/GetCourseDetails.aspx?course=CHCH101&occurrence=13S2%28C%29&year=2013</p>
GPA requirement	B average
English language requirement	Please see: http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/admissions/international/english.shtml
Application deadlines	<p>For Semester 1 admission (February): 1 November</p> <p>For Semester 2 admission (July): 1 May</p> <p>Note that it is likely that we will bring the application deadline forward to April. Once the new application deadline is finalized, we will contact our exchange partner universities.</p>
Application procedures	Please see: http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/international/exchange/income.shtml
Supporting documents required to be submitted with exchange application	Official academic transcript, an acceptable English language test result such as TOEFL or IELTS (if English is not the student's first language) and letter of nomination from home university.
Services and facilities available to exchange students	Libraries, on-campus computer and internet access, student clubs, access to Recreation Centre, Health Centre, student support services, Students'

	<p>Association (UCSA), etc. For more information on our UCSA and the clubs and societies available at Canterbury, please see: http://ucsa.org.nz/</p> <p>We have a team of Student Support Advisors that offers support and advice to students. To find out more about their services, please see: http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/support/</p>
Transcript	Transcripts are automatically sent to the students' home university after the completion of a student's exchange. Students do not need to request a transcript.

Arrival / Orientation programme

Recommended arrival dates	<p>It is compulsory for international students (including exchange students) to attend the International Welcome. Therefore, students should plan to arrive before the International Welcome takes place.</p> <p><u>UC Semester 1 2014 (February intake)</u> International Welcome (Orientation): 18 February, students should arrive before this date.</p> <p><u>UC Semester 2 2014 (July intake)</u> International Welcome (Orientation): 9 July, students should arrive before this date.</p> <p>If staying in Ilam Apartments on campus (recommended for Exchange students, see further information on accommodation below), the arrival date for Semester 1 (February intake) 2014 and Semester 2 (July start) 2014 will be posted on the following website when the information is available. The arrival date may be subject to change. Please refer to the information on the web page: http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/accom/international/study_abroad.shtml An earlier arrival date is subject to availability.</p> <p>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.</p>
Airport Pick-Up Service	<p>Students must send their arrival details to the Accommodation Office well in advance if they are requesting an airport pickup, with time of arrival, airline and flight number. This must be done at least one week prior to departure.</p> <p>Students need to send us their arrival details by completing the Airport Pickup form online at: http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/accom/international/airport_pickup_form.shtml</p>
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	<p><u>UC Semester 2 2014 (July intake)</u> International Welcome (Orientation): 9 July, students should arrive before this date.</p> <p>Registration for International Welcome Students should register for the International Welcome at: http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/support/welcome/index.shtml</p>
Information on studying in New Zealand	http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/support/services.shtml

Accommodation

On-campus accommodation	<p>A special on campus accommodation package is available to exchange students staying at Ilam Apartments. Students must complete a separate accommodation application online before the application deadline. Detailed information on the package including fees, how to apply, arrival dates, etc is available at: http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/accom/international/study_abroad.shtml</p> <p>Availability at Ilam Apartments is guaranteed for Study Abroad students provided that they apply for accommodation online by the deadline and return all subsequent contracts by the required deadlines. When making travel plans, it's very important that students also refer to the above accommodation website for the move-in dates for Ilam Apartments, 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>To complete the application online, please visit: http://starrez.canterbury.ac.nz/Default.aspx?Params=L9ezxPcQnQuRGKTzF%2b4sxYgW5PJPMox Information on how to apply online: http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/accom/halls/completing_online_form.shtml</p>
Other accommodation facilities	<p>Please see: http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/accom/international/index.shtml</p> <p>Note that the off-campus private rental market in Christchurch is very tight at the moment, so we would recommend that all students apply for accommodation on-campus at Ilam Apartments.</p>

Visa requirement

Are exchange students required to obtain a student visa?	Yes. Please see details at Immigration New Zealand's website: http://www.immigration.govt.nz/
Are exchange students allowed to work?	No

Medical and Travel insurance

Compulsory medical and travel insurance	<p>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 Code of Practice.</p> <p>Studentsafe-University Insurance is the University's current default insurance cover. Exchange students can purchase Studentsafe-University cover when they complete their enrolment in person on campus.</p> <p>If exchange students hope to utilise an alternative insurance policy, they must have the cover assessed at least four weeks before enrolment to determine whether it meets NZ government requirements. It is important to note that many overseas policies do not meet NZ requirements and we respectfully ask that our partners make students aware that a policy required by their home university or issued in their home country may not necessarily meet NZ requirements and that purchase of the default insurance at enrolment may be required.</p> <p>See http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/international/insurance/nz.shtml for full details.</p>
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Fees and Costs

Accommodation	Fees on the accommodation package for exchange students: http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/accom/international/study_abroad.shtml
Private accommodation	Private accommodation is not recommended as the rental market is tight at the moment and it is difficult to get rental accommodation in most areas. Information on other accommodation options is available at: http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/accom/international/index.shtml
Food / meals	Ilam Apartments is self-catered (without meals). However meal plans at University Hall are available to students staying at Ilam Apartments, please see: http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/accom/halls/unihall_meal_plans.shtml For further information on costs of living, please see: http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/international/costs/living.shtml
Local transportation	Please visit the website on costs of living above.
Academic expenses	Students should budget for the costs of field trips (if field trips are included as part of the course), books and stationery and other course related costs.
Personal expenses	Please visit the website on costs of living above.
Insurance	See http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/international/insurance/nz.shtml for full details.