

Your direct pathway to University of Canterbury

Christchurch, New Zealand

Why should you choose to study at UC International College?

Fast-track into University of Canterbury, ranked in the top 2% of universities worldwide

- Graduates of UC International College's Foundation Studies Certificate and University Transfer Programmes progress into a wide range of UC's Bachelor degree programmes including Bachelor of Commerce, Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Engineering with Honours.

Thrive in a supportive learning environment

- Study in small classes with experienced and caring teaching staff.
- Receive extensive academic support and develop critical study skills as you are assisted at every step along your journey to UC.

A proven track record of excellence

- UC International College has been judged to meet the highest possible academic quality standards, as assessed by the New Zealand Qualifications Authority.
- UC International College is a signatory of New Zealand's pastoral care Code of Practice.

Enjoy life on the UC campus

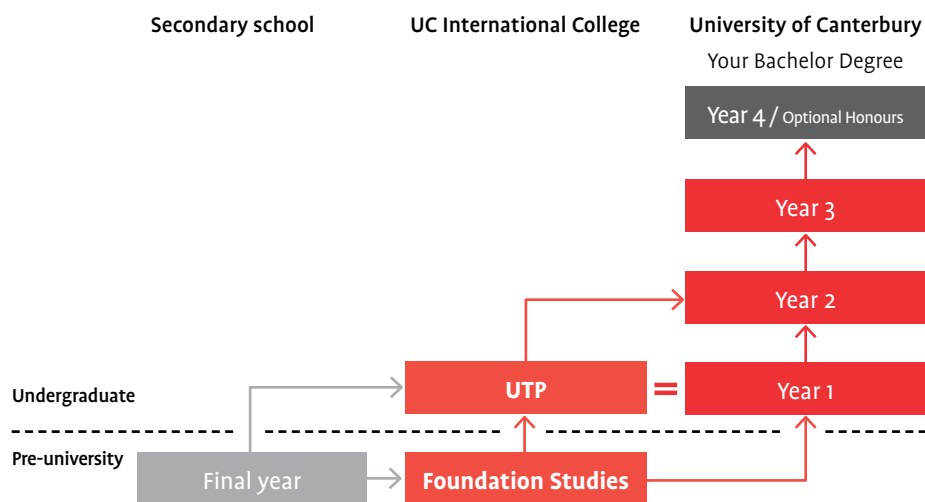
- UC International College is located on the beautiful UC campus, providing students access to world-class facilities and services.
- Students can participate in a huge range of exciting social events and activities, or join any of the more than 180 student-led clubs at UC.



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Studying at UC International College you will have a pathway to a world-class University of Canterbury degree.

UC International College offers an alternative pathway from high school to all of UC's Bachelor's degrees.



What we can offer you

UC International College provides personalised attention and support, while encouraging students to adapt to their new learning environment.

All programmes are delivered on campus at the University of Canterbury, with access to many of the world class facilities UC has to offer. This helps to ease the transition into university life in a new country. UCIC offers:

Foundation Studies Certificate

Foundation Studies Certificate is designed to help bridge the gap between high school and university entrance. Delivered in a nurturing and supportive environment, students will study eight courses to prepare them for their chosen degrees at the University of Canterbury.

University Transfer Programme (UTP)

UTP allows you to transition from high school and complete your bachelor degree in the same amount of time as students admitted directly to UC. It is equivalent to the first year of the relevant bachelor degree at the University. UTP is designed to give students extra academic and language support in that all important first year of study. Students will study the equivalent of eight academic courses (120 credits) over 12 months and pathway directly into Year 2 at UC.

UTP: Commerce

UTP Commerce provides key 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 a large range of majors and be well prepared for second year study at UC.

UTP: Science

UTP Science at UCIC specialises in the fast growing areas of computer science and mathematics. The facilities for Science students are world-class and students will have access to cutting edge laboratories, 24-hour computer labs and specialist library collections. UC Science graduates are experts in problem solving, teamwork and communication.

UTP: Engineering

Students studying first year at UCIC are introduced to the key concepts of engineering through their core courses. In addition, to the support Programmes that all UTP students complete, our Engineering students are also provided with extra, free tuition in English Language. On completion they will gain entrance to the second year of an Engineering degree at UC. The College of Engineering at UC is internationally accredited and is ranked in the top one percent of the world.



UC International College entry requirements and fees

Scan the QR codes below to view the latest information that relates to you.

Academic entry requirements

Academic requirements listed by country/region



English requirements

English language proficiency tests recognised for admission



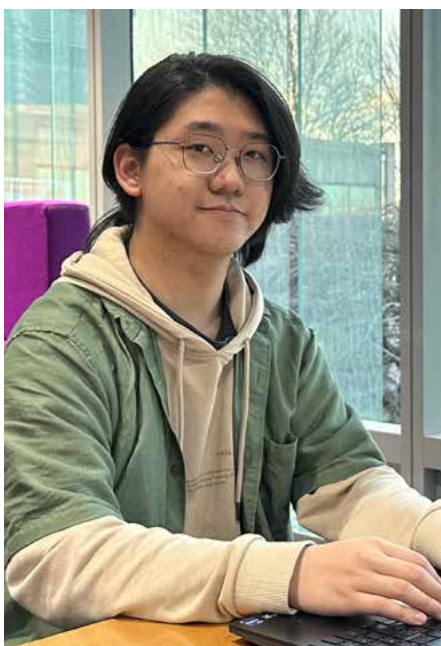
Fees

Cost and duration of UC International College programmes



UC International College Important Dates

Year	Academic trimester	Orientation date	Trimester starts	Mid-trimester break	Trimester ends
2025	February	12 Feb	17 Feb	18-27 April	25 May
	June	11 June	16 June	28 July - 3 August	21 Sept
	Oct	8 Oct	13 Oct	22 December - 4 January 2026	25 Jan 2026



“I love UCIC’s supportive environment, and my classmates are incredibly nice and approachable. The group projects provided enriching experiences for improving teamwork and communication skills.”

Ka Chun (Martin) Cheu
Hong Kong
Foundation Studies Certificate – Engineering

WHY UC? WHY UCIC?



Global Student Awards 2025

All academically eligible students starting in all UCIC programmes in Feb intake 2025 receive NZ\$ 4,000 towards the cost of their tuition.



QS 5 star rating*

UC is awarded a 5-Star QS ranking for internationally renowned research and teaching.



Top 1% Engineering

Engineering programmes are accredited by Engineering New Zealand†



Triple Crown winner

UC Business School is in the 1% of business school worldwide that holds the “Triple Crown” accreditation: AACSB, EQUIS, and AMBA**

*QS World University Rankings 2024

** UC Business School

† Engineering New Zealand Te Ao Rangahau



489,000

Population of Christchurch

Accommodation

Students can choose from the following three options

UC Halls of Residence - Ilam Apartments

Fun and lively self-catered option for First Year students. A self-catered, private single bedroom with study area, access to university Wi-Fi network, and social programme. 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.

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Under 18 accommodation

Additional rules apply for students who arrive and are under 18 years of age (U18).

In order to meet our obligations under The Education (Pastoral Care of Tertiary and International Learners) Code of Practice 2021, UCIC requires students who are under 18 years, to live in one of the following types of accommodation:

- With the Student's Parent/Legal Guardian
- With an Authorised Designated Caregiver (approved by UCIC)
- With a UCIC Arranged Homestay

Please contact UCIC Admissions admissions@ucic.ac.nz for further information.

Life in Ōtautahi Christchurch

Christchurch is the largest city in the South Island and the second largest in the country. It is also New Zealand's most affordable major city.

Christchurch is an energised city filled with an entrepreneurial spirit. You will find:

- New infrastructure
- Comparatively low cost of living
- Low traffic congestion
- Affordable housing
- Easy access to both beaches, and mountains
- International shops, businesses, and restaurants

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