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STUDENT ORIENTATION GUIDE 2018/19



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2018/19 UC International College calendar

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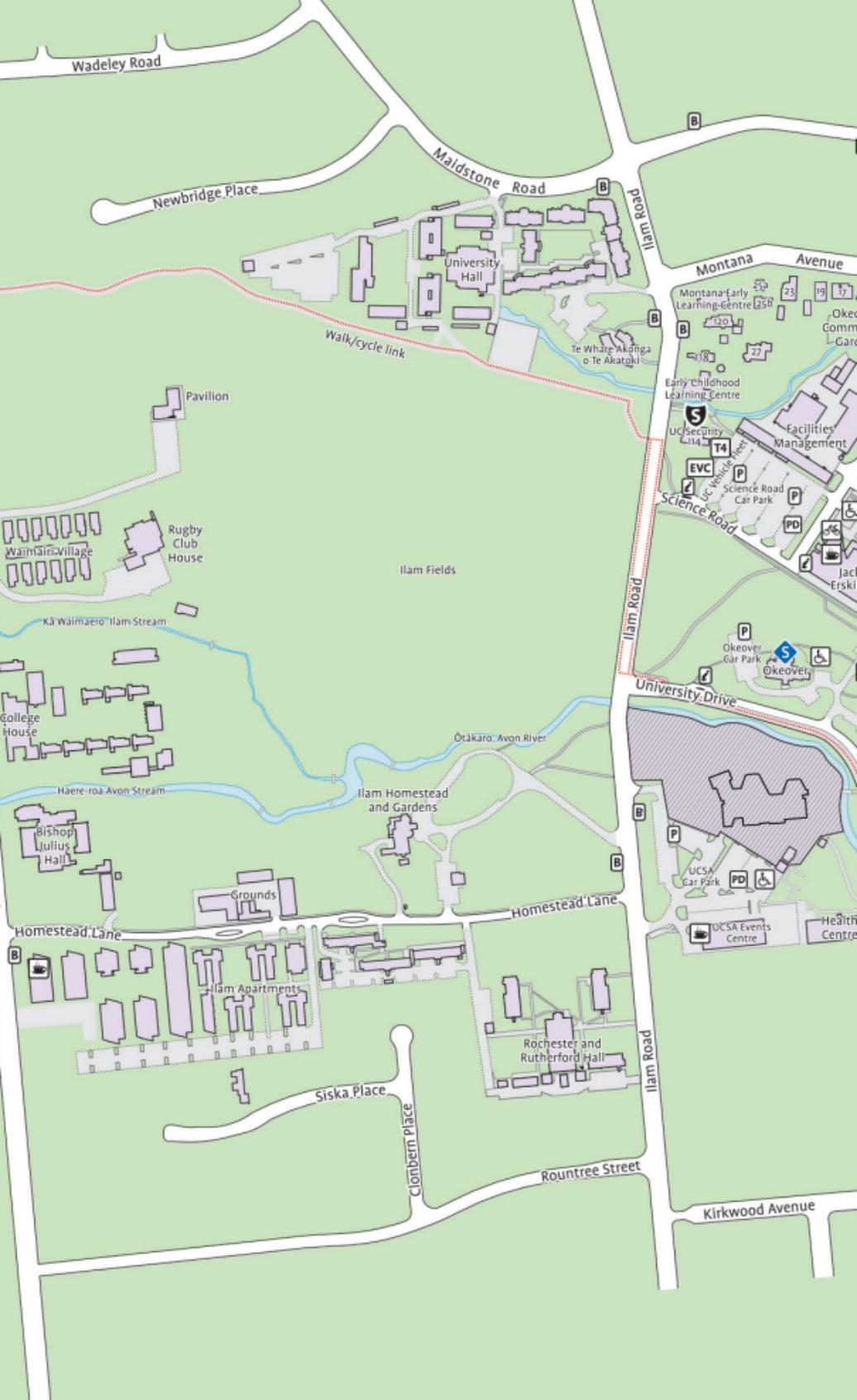
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- Start of classes
- Orientation
- Mid-semester break
- End of exams

UC International College semester dates for 2018/19

UC International College has a three semester academic year. There are 12 teaching weeks and a mid-semester break each semester.

<i>Academic semester</i>	<i>Start of orientation</i>	<i>Start of classes</i>	<i>Mid-semester break</i>	<i>End of Exams</i>
2018				
Oct	3 Oct	8 Oct	24 Dec - 4 Jan	19 Jan
2019				
Feb	13 Feb	18 Feb	22-29 Apr	25 May
Jun	12 Jun	17 Jun	29-2 Aug	21 Sept
Oct	9 Oct	14 Oct	23 Dec-10 Jan	25 Jan



UC International College Location on University of Canterbury campus

Alice Candy
Arts Road (off Clyde Rd)
Ilam, Christchurch
New Zealand



Kia Ora.
Welcome to UC International College.

You can visit us Monday - Friday 08:30-5:00pm in Alice Candy.
For a list of our staff members, please visit our website ucic.ac.nz

Being a student at UC International College

UC International College helps students become active and independent learners and to develop life-long learning skills. The role of the student and the teacher may differ from previous learning experiences.

At UC International College:

- Teachers will guide students in their learning.
- Teachers understand how to support international students.
- Students are encouraged to ask questions if they are unsure of something.
- Students are expected to actively participate in class or group discussions.
- Students will normally complete different kinds of assessment throughout the semester, including essays, reports, oral presentations and exams.
- Students often complete assignments in groups.



Axis Student Portal

The Axis Student Portal has information about classes, attendance, support services, policies and more. The Moodle tab contains information about current courses students are enrolled in. Students should check the Axis Student Portal daily for messages, updates and important information from UC International College.

Students receive their IT account and Student Portal access as part of our orientation days prior to class commencement.

Student ID card (Canterbury Card)

During orientation students will be issued with a Canterbury Card. The Canterbury Card is the official student ID for University of Canterbury students. Students should carry this with them at all times for identification purposes. The card is also your:

- Students' Association membership card
- library card
- security card for access to locked areas that you are authorised to enter
- gym membership card (Recreation Centre)
- debit card (when your account is loaded with funds) to pay for internet and email, printing, photocopying and library charges such as fines for overdue books.

What to bring to your first lesson

All you need is a pen and some paper for your first class and the teachers will inform you about what course materials you need from there.

Self-Registration

After self-registration, on occasion changes to class sizes, days and times of sessions in the first 2 semester weeks may occur to ensure optimal learning. Notifications will be sent by email or SMS.

Timetable

Students can view their timetable on the UC International College Student Portal. Usually classes run Monday to Friday between 8.00am and 6pm, although some later classes may be necessary. Classes generally consist of lectures, tutorials and laboratories or computer laboratory sessions. There will also be formal study and learning skills sessions timetabled each week. All timetabled activities are compulsory and students should check their timetables every day in case there are room or time changes.

Communication

UCIC staff will normally communicate with students via email. It is important that students check their student email account daily as all correspondence from teachers and office staff is sent to your email. Students will be issued with a UC email address in the following format
UCusername@uclive.ac.nz

You can access your emails online here:
outlook.com/uclive.ac.nz

Calculators

Students must have a UC approved calculator for tests and exams. A list of approved, standard non-programmable calculators is on display in your classrooms.

Students are responsible for ensuring their calculator has the 'UC' sticker of approval in advance of any tests and examinations.

Mobile phones

Mobile phones must be switched off in all classes.

Internet and printing

Students can access both the internet and the Axis Student Portal on campus in the computer labs. UC provides each student with a free internet allowance which is deemed sufficient for their study purposes. The allowance for 2018 is 100GB per month for UC International College students.

UC provides printing facilities in most computer labs. To use these printing facilities, students need to load money on their Canterbury Card using the UC Card Reload Stations.

Facilities on campus

The UC campus has a great learning environment with many services and facilities for students, including banking facilities, the University Bookshop (UBS), campus shops including a pharmacy, post shop, cafes and food outlets. Membership at the gym ('Rec centre') is free. You need to register online and renew your membership every March if your enrolment spans over two years.

Student Services

A component of your fees goes towards paying the UC student levy. This gives UCIC students access to important functions and facilities such as student support services, career education, advocacy and welfare programmes, UCSA clubs, student events, Health Centre services and student space development. As a student of UC International College and eventually UC, you have free Recreation Centre ('Gym') membership, as well as being eligible to get involved in the events and activities run by the UCSA (University of Canterbury Students' Association).

Health services

UC Health Centre provides a professional, confidential and cost effective range of medical and nursing services to all students.

Appointments can be made in person or over the phone. Routine appointments are 15 minutes with the doctor or nurse. Appointments are usually not available 'on the day' but are normally made in 3-4 days' time. If patients are suffering from severe medical conditions then they will be seen immediately and referred if necessary. For more contacts of clinics please see page 30 of this guide. Physiotherapy, counselling and dietician appointments are also not usually available on the day. Appointments for these services can be made by the Health Centre reception team. For more information visit canterbury.ac.nz/healthcentre/

Support services

UC International College students have access to a range of support services and campus facilities to ensure a smooth academic and emotional transition to university level study. Students are encouraged to use the support services and facilities provided and to contact UC International College staff for advice and assistance as soon as the need arises. You can speak to our experienced and caring Student and Academic Services Coordinator, Petra Marks. Our office hours are Mon-Fri 8.30am-5.00pm. To make an appointment please come to the UCIC office.

You can also call Christina (Tinah) Tausa, the Student Learning Advisor, for any matters relating to your study, on 021-981 303 or email christina.tausa@ucic.ac.nz

Jeanine Marriott is our Student Welfare Officer for any issues related to students' wellbeing. Give her a call on 021 328 303 or email jeanine.marriott@ucic.ac.nz.

You can find more information on the Axis Student Portal and the UCIC website or email: student_services@ucic.ac.nz.

Specially designed workshops for ease of transition to UC are also offered each semester. UC regularly invite UCIC students for an informal lunch meeting to meet future lecturers at UC. We expect student to participate in these great opportunities.

UC International College students can also access student support services through UC Student Care, to find out about the services they offer, go to: canterbury.ac.nz/support/advice

UCIC Orientation Buddies

A buddy is a UC International College student (or ex UCIC student) who can show you around and give you tips on studying at UCIC and in New Zealand. You will generally meet with your buddy during the first four weeks of the semester.

Complaints/grievance procedures

We hope you have a great time at UC International College. If you are not satisfied then we have a complaints / dispute resolution procedure available at no cost. Every reasonable effort will be made to resolve a student's problem.

The Student Complaints Policy and UC International College Complaints Process can be found on the UC International College website.

If you are not satisfied with UC International College's handling of your complaint internally, you can contact an external body. More details <http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/about-us/make-a-complaint/make-a-complaint-about-a-provider/>

Privacy Policy

UCIC is subject to the New Zealand Privacy Act 1993. This Act gives people some control over the personal information they provide to an organisation and requires organisations to take

reasonable steps to keep information it collects safe and to let individuals know the purposes for which information is collected and how it will be used. UCIC is a wholly owned subsidiary of Navitas Limited. For info on Navitas' privacy policy see navitas.com/privacy_policy. Navitas' Cookie Policy is found at navitas.com/cookie_policy.

Education (Pastoral Care of International Students) Code of Practice 2016 - Tertiary

UC International College has agreed to observe and be bound by the Education (Pastoral Care of International Students) Code of Practice 2016 - Tertiary. The Code sets the standards that providers must follow when enrolling international students and covers areas such as information provided, contractual arrangements, welfare needs and support services. Copies of the Code are available from nzqa.govt.nz/student-code and at the UCIC office.

Under 18s

For any international student under the age of 18 years who is not being cared for by a parent, UC International College will take responsibility for approving the accommodation, support and general welfare arrangements.

Student Services monitor and support all international students aged under 18 at UC International College to ensure their wellbeing. Under 18s students are encouraged to contact UC International College Student Services staff or Jeanine Marriott (Student Welfare Officer) should they have any concerns about their studies,

accommodation or general wellbeing.

After-office hours contact for under 18's is Jeanine Marriott (Student Welfare Officer), mobile 021 378303, or on-campus through Security 0800 823637 (within NZ).

For more information, refer to the Care Arrangement for Under 18s Policy on the Student Portal and the UC International College website.

Emergency numbers

In the event of an emergency:

Police/Fire/Ambulance dial 111

On-campus emergencies dial 6111
(from classrooms) or 0800 823 637

Student Services emergency contact numbers:
Shirley Harris - 021 1951 303
Petra Marks - 021 971303

The University of Canterbury has an Emergency Help Point System across campus. These help points connect directly to UC Security.

Health and Safety

It is UC International College policy to provide a safe and healthy working environment for all staff and students. Please notify a UC International College staff member immediately should an accident or injury occur on campus as we are required to report these. A first aid kit is available at UC International College Reception.

Safety on campus

UC International College and UC are committed to providing a safe environment for all students. UC

Security is available on campus 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to assist students who have concerns about their safety. Students should take the following precautions while studying on campus at night:

- get to know the layout of the campus including safe pathways
- walk along well-lit walkways and corridors
- know the number for UC Security (dial 6888 from classrooms or 0800 823 637 from mobile phones) and where the security phones are located on campus
- request a UC Security escort if there are safety concerns
- report any suspicious or threatening behaviour immediately to a staff member and/or UC Security
- do not leave valuables such as keys, wallets, mobile phones or laptops unattended
- avoid isolated areas and move around campus with other students where possible
- lost property office is located at the Security office on Ilam Road

Policies and procedures

All UC International College policies and procedures are located on the UC International College website at ucic.ac.nz/policies.

All students are expected to follow UC International College policies.

Codes of conduct

UCIC has a number of expectations of students in order to maintain high standards and to ensure the academic integrity of courses. Students of UCIC are expected to:

- prepare for each class by undertaking the required reading, and completing all necessary tutorial or lab work
- attend all classes
- arrive at class at the scheduled time
- turn off all mobile and paging devices during class times
- demonstrate respect for College staff and fellow students

A copy of the Student Code of Conduct Policy is available on the UC International College website and from your orientation bag.

Academic performance

Students are required to achieve a satisfactory academic performance in each semester. Satisfactory academic performance requires a grade of 'pass' or higher in at least 50% of courses undertaken each semester. Failure to achieve satisfactory programme progress may result in a formal review of a student's enrolment.

For more information see the Satisfactory Programme Progress Policy on the UC International College website.

Course failing or changing

An additional fee per course applies if a course has been failed and needs to be repeated, or if changing to a new course.

Grades

The majority of academic courses will be graded according to UC International College standard grading system as follows:

Grade	Final % greater than	Progression
A+	90	Pass
A	85	Pass
A-	80	Pass
B+	75	Pass
B	70	Pass
B-	65	Pass
C+	60	Pass
C	55	Pass
C-	50	Pass
D	40	Fail
E	0	Fail

Notes:

- (i) A pass is 50 percent and over (grades A to C-). Grades D or E are not passing grades.
- (ii) R grade is a restricted pass, i.e. no further progress permitted where this course is a prerequisite.
- (iii) S grade is a special pass.
- (iv) Where the letter or grade is followed by the letters AEG, an aegrotat component is included.
- (v) X grade denotes no grade awarded for dishonest practice. An X grade has a GPA of -3.
- (vi) RW denotes result withheld. In this case, the course not included in the GPA calculation.

The final grade will take into consideration whether all requirements to pass the course have been met. Where requirements have not been fulfilled, a grade of D will be awarded.

For more information see the Assessment Policy on the UC International College website.

Scholarship information

UC International First Year Scholarship

The University of Canterbury (UC) recognises and supports high achieving international students through the UC International First Year Scholarship, established in 2012. There are currently 25 scholarships available, ranging from \$10,000-\$20,000 NZD. UC International College pathway students are eligible to apply and will need to meet the criteria and conditions as set out by UC. For more information visit canterbury.ac.nz/scholarshipsearch/ScholarshipDetails.aspx?ScholarshipID=6935.1480

While every effort has been made to ensure this information is current and correct at time of print, it is essential for students to check up to date scholarship information, eligibility criteria and closing dates via the UC website. canterbury.ac.nz/get-started/scholarships

UC College of Engineering International Scholarship

This scholarship recognises top international scholars and supports them in study towards an undergraduate Engineering degree at the University of Canterbury. Amount: \$15,000-\$25,000 per annum and Tenure: 2-4 years

For further information please see:
[canterbury.ac.nz/scholarshipsearch/
ScholarshipDetails.aspx?ScholarshipID=6935.1677](http://canterbury.ac.nz/scholarshipsearch/ScholarshipDetails.aspx?ScholarshipID=6935.1677)

Navitas Academic Merit Scholarships

The Navitas Academic Merit Scholarship may be awarded to up to two students with outstanding results across all University Transfer Programmes at a Navitas Pathway College or Managed Campus.

At UC International College the scholarships are a credit towards a student's UC degree for courses for one academic semester. For more information on selection criteria and conditions, see ucic.ac.nz/scholarships

Attendance

Attendance at lectures, tutorials and labs is important for academic success. Students are required to attend all classes as a condition of their student visa granted by Immigration New Zealand. Students' attendance records are taken in each class and are monitored for non-attendance. Attendance calculations begin from the start of semester. If students are late registering for classes without a genuine reason they will receive an attendance penalty. For genuine absences an Explained Absence Form needs to be submitted within three days of any absence and supported by adequate documentation.

Attendance Requirements

Students are required to attend a minimum of 90% of their classes in accordance with UCIC's Attendance Policy. Students with less than 90% attendance will receive attendance warning letters or notifications

and may have their enrolment at UC International College formally reviewed in accordance with UCIC's Attendance Policy. UC International College reserves the right to terminate the enrolment of any student whose attendance falls below an acceptable level and notify New Zealand Immigration. Please refer to immigration.govt.nz for more information regarding visa attendance requirements.

Explained Absences

It is the student's responsibility to explain their absence from class and provide a medical certificate for the period of any absences due to illness. An acceptable medical certificate is documentary proof from a registered general practitioner (GP) that the student was/is unfit to attend class. It must clearly state the dates the student was unfit to attend class. The GP must have seen the student at the time of the illness – a medical certificate cannot be backdated. Students with poor attendance may be reported to Immigration NZ, which may lead to their enrolment being terminated at UCIC. Along with the loss of their remaining tuition fees. This may have implications for their student visa. A copy of the Attendance Policy is available on the UC International College website.

Attendance Codes

See the following table for information relating to attendance codes and their corresponding percentages.

Name	Code	Attendance calculated %	Notes
Present	P	100%	Student arrives on time
Absent	A	0%	Student is absent from class
Late	L	50%	Student arrives late for class
Left during class	LC	50%	Student does not stay for the duration Note: if a student is both late and leaves during the class they will be marked Absent
Excused - medical	EM	100%	Must provide evidence
Excused - approved absence	EA	100%	Must show evidence and complete Explained Absence Form (available at reception)
Exempt	EX	100%	

Special Consideration Applications

If a student misses an assessment due to illness or other exceptional circumstances a Special Consideration Application must be submitted to the office. The form is available at the office and must be completed by a registered doctor and be submitted within three working days of the assessment with supporting information. Please refer to the Assessment policy for more info. Submitting an application does not automatically guarantee that the application will be accepted.

Academic integrity and misconduct

Throughout the duration of their studies at UC International College, students are expected to conduct themselves in an honest and ethical manner, in accordance with accepted standards of academic conduct. Any breach of these guidelines will be considered as academic misconduct, and academic penalties may be imposed. A copy of the

Academic Integrity Policy and the Student Code of Conduct Policy are available on the UC International College website.

Plagiarism

Plagiarism is the act of representing the ideas or work of another person(s) as one's own original work, by copying or reproducing that work without acknowledgement of the source, and can include:

- submitting work done by someone else or for another class
- using copied information without including quotation marks and a citation
- writing something too similar to the original or that lacks a citation.

All borrowed ideas must be acknowledged both in the assignment and in a reference list.

The penalties for plagiarism are very serious.

UC International College generally uses either the Harvard or APA style of referencing. For details, consult the UC International College Academic Integrity Policy available on the Student Portal and the UC International College website.

Cheating

Cheating is a form of academic misconduct which may include students having notes written in dictionaries in exams and tests, use of electronic devices, looking at another student's paper during an exam or submitting others' work as their own.

For more information refer to the Academic Integrity Policy on the Student Portal and the UC International College website.

Change of course

Students may be able to change their course registration within the first week of semester can change it online via the Student Portal. If a student wants to change a course after this time, they are required to see a Student Advisor. All changes are subject to timetable availability and approval by the academic team.

Change of programme/intended major

Students who wish to change their programme or intended major are required to complete a Change of Programme form. They must also discuss their application with an academic staff member and have them approve the request. An administration fee may be charged for this service. A new visa application or 'Variation of Condition' must be obtained by Immigration New Zealand before the student can change programmes. The correct visa must be obtained before the end of the second week of semester commencement.

Change of address

As a condition of their student visa, international students must notify UC International College of a change of address in New Zealand within seven days of the change. International students must also record any changes to their overseas address. Students must also maintain their emergency contact details on the Axis Student Portal.

Visa requirements

Students must have a valid student visa to study in New Zealand. It is a student's responsibility to ensure that they obtain (and maintain) the correct visa. All international students must comply with current visa regulations as required by Immigration New Zealand. International students are required to enrol in a full-time load of either three or four courses per semester, unless they are completing the final course(s) in their programme.

For detailed information on current visa conditions and regulations please visit immigration.govt.nz

To meet visa requirements, students must:

- attend classes
- demonstrate satisfactory academic performance
- fulfil enrolment requirements
- have student health insurance for the duration of their visa
- maintain a record of their current address and telephone details on UC International College Axis Student Portal.

Visa renewal

To renew a student visa, students must present specific documents to Immigration New Zealand. Students should allocate sufficient time to renew their visa and should never allow their student visa to expire. If a student's visa expires then UCIC is required to terminate their enrolment. For assistance with your visa renewal please contact UC

International College Student and Academic Services. Students who need to apply for a new visa can lodge an application online at immigration.govt.nz/migrant/stream/study/application.

Withdrawing or deferring from a programme

Students who wish to withdraw or defer from a programme must complete and sign a withdrawal or deferment form. Students are bound by the UC International College Refund Policy, which is applicable from the date of their formal withdrawal or defer. International students who withdraw, defer or have their enrolment terminated, from a programme must be reported to Immigration. Withdrawal from programmes after the census date may incur academic and/or financial penalties.

Refund Policy

For information on UC International College policy on fee refunds, students should refer to the Refund Policy on the Student Portal and on the UC International College website.

Medical and travel insurance

International students must have appropriate, approved and current medical and travel insurance while in New Zealand. Most international students are not entitled to publicly funded health services while in New Zealand.

Medical conditions

Special arrangements may be made to assist students with disabilities or medical conditions which affect their studies. Students with disabilities should contact UCIC Student Services for a referral to UC's Disability Resource Service. Students need to provide appropriate documentation from a treating registered practitioner. This information will remain confidential unless consent is given by the student to share with staff on a need to know basis.

Parking

Students wishing to park on campus must pay the required fee and display a valid parking permit on their vehicle, available from UC Security office by showing a valid student ID. Purchasing a parking permit does not guarantee that a parking space will be available. Parking on the streets around the University is limited and fines are imposed for not obeying parking regulations.

Student Space

The Student lounge is in Alice Candy. Facilities include: microwaves, hot/cold water, couches, tables, vending machine. This is a good space to socialise and for discussion. Quiet study spaces are available in the Puaka - James Hight Library located on the central UC campus.



Directory of useful addresses and telephone numbers

Directory

Contact details

Medical

UC Health Centre, Kirkwood	
Doctors on Riccarton 183 Riccarton Road, Christchurch	(03) 348 8989 (Mandarin speaker available)
Riccarton Clinic 4 Yaldhurst Road Upper Riccarton, Christchurch	(03) 343 3661

Counselling & Advice

Lifeline 24/7 free counselling service	0800 543 354 (Freephone within NZ)
Chinese Lifeline (Counselling service for Mandarin and Cantonese speakers)	0800 888 880 (Freephone within NZ)
Citizens Advice Bureau	(03)366 6490



Directory

Contact details

Immigration

Immigration New Zealand If English is not your first language ask for Language Line.	0508 55 88 55 (Freephone within NZ)
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Legal Advice

Community Law Canterbury (Free legal help and advice) canlaw.org.nz	(03) 366 6870 0508 226 529 (Freephone within NZ)
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Insurance

Student Safe	0800 486 004 (Freephone within NZ)
Southern Cross	0800 800 571 (Freephone within NZ)
Orbit Protect	0800 478 833 (Freephone within NZ)

Banking

ANZ	03 368 2187
BNZ	0800 275 269
ASB	03 353 8850

Transport

METRO BUS	03 366 8855
GOLD BAND TAXI	03 379 5795
BLUE STAR TAXI	03 379 9799

In Case Of an Emergency

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UC campus

Top tips for success!

Not understanding your lectures? Just ask! You will not be the only one who needs help. Teachers are happy to talk to you after a class, or you can send them an email or see them during their office hours.

- Use the Student Learning Advisor or the Academic Mentor who can assist with assignments and proofreading, as well as running study skills tutorials and social English classes. Tinah Tausa is the UCIC Learning Advisor and Steph Kaefer the Academic Mentor.
- The UC Academic Skills Centre runs workshops to help you develop your writing and study skills e.g. note-taking, exam preparation, essay and report writing. For information go to www.lps.canterbury.ac.nz/lsc/workshops.php
- Having trouble connecting to UC wireless or having other IT problems? The IT Service Desk in the Central or Education libraries can help with any IT issues you are having with your UC IT account.

- Make sure you attend all classes each semester. First classes tell you important things to give you the best start.
- Remember to check your UClive email. There are important things to know and it is the main way UC International College gets in contact with you.
- You can redirect your student emails to your own preferred account. Contact the IT Service Desk to find out how.
- Have your classes moved location or changed time? Be sure to check your timetable on the Axis Student Portal every day in case there has been a change: axis.navitas.com It is best to do this on a computer.
- Missed a lecture? Moodle usually has notes supplied by your teacher. Don't use this as a substitute, as notes won't always make sense out of context.
- Be on time to your classes. Walking in when they've already started can be embarrassing for you, and annoying for everyone else.
- Want to make friends? Join a club to find some like-minded people. There are more than 100 clubs catering to just about every interest imaginable. The UC Student Associate (UCSA)

can tell you more. See ucsa.org.nz/

- Need a study buddy? Make or join a study group – it helps to share ideas with others and keeps you on task! There are group discussion rooms in the libraries that you can book easily from the library website library.canterbury.ac.nz/
- Want to improve your English? The best way is practice practice practice! Some ways to improve your English language skills are:
 - join a conversation club run by the Academic Mentor
 - make friends with students or people of different nationalities
 - read and write
 - listen to and speak in English as much as possible
 - go to Academic Skills Workshops and sessions
 - review the specialist language of your courses every day
 - always asking your teacher if you are unsure about what something means.
- If you need to improve your grades, seek help as soon as possible. Ask your teacher, attend the weekly Academic Mentor sessions or contact the Student Learning Advisor, Tina Tausa. They are all there to help you succeed.

- Are you going to miss the deadline for an assignment or test for a valid reason? Talk to your teacher well in advance to explain the situation. You may need to complete a Special Consideration application and provide documentation.
- We regularly conduct online surveys where we send you a link to the survey. This is a great opportunity to give feedback. This will help us to improve our services, so please take part in those surveys.



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Living in Christchurch

Cost of living

The first few weeks in New Zealand may be expensive, due to an outlay of ‘one-off’ expenses. These may include temporary accommodation, rental bonds, books, clothing, furnishings, medical costs etc. Other major expenditure may include purchasing and maintaining a car and car insurance, and obtaining a driver’s licence. For current food prices see countdown.co.nz, paknsave.co.nz.

Currency

New Zealand is the world’s most ‘cashless economy’ - most New Zealanders do not carry cash. The most frequently used payment method is EFTPOS. You can find out about that here en.wikipedia.org/wiki/EFTPOS

The unit of currency is the New Zealand dollar (\$ or NZD) (100 cents = \$1.00). There are six coins: \$2 and \$1 are gold; 50c and 20c are silver; and 10 cents are bronze. There are five notes: \$100, \$50, \$20, \$10 and \$5. Each note has a unique design and a different colour.

For currency conversion see xe.com/ucc/



Climate

Christchurch has a temperate climate, with low rainfall, lots of sunshine and the full range of spectacular seasons. Temperatures can vary between 15-30°C (60-85°F) in summer and 0-15°C (32-60°F) in winter, during the night temperatures are between 8 - 10C lower on average.

Water quality

Christchurch tap water is chlorinated, however it is clean and safe to drink. There are drinking fountains or water filters in various places around campus.

Shopping

For more information on private renting or buying and selling second-hand goods:

- trademe.co.nz/
- harcourts.co.nz/Property/Rentals
- rentwell.co.nz/
- UBS bookshop on campus

Supermarkets and grocery stores all within a short walk of the campus:

- **Pak 'n' Save:** paknsave.co.nz
- **Kosco:** findchch.com/places/3249-kosco-iland

- **Church Corner Shopping Mall:** findchch.com/places/1562-church-corner-shopping-centre
- **Countdown:** shop.countdown.co.nz
- **New World:** newworld.co.nz
- **Riccarton Mall:** westfield.co.nz/riccarton

Other useful links

Public transport: metroinfo.co.nz

Christchurch International Airport:
christchurchairport.co.nz/en/

Facebook: facebook.com/UCICstudents

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Accommodation

Information about accommodation can be found on the UC website. Please check the following links:

canterbury.ac.nz/international/

canterbury.ac.nz/future-students/accommodation/homestay-and-private-board/

For more information, you can contact the UC Accommodation Services Team between 8.30 am - 5.00 pm Monday to Friday
accommodation@canterbury.ac.nz

For students over 18 there is the option of living in uni accommodation or going 'flatting' (independent accommodation). We keep Tenancy Services information sheets at reception. For detailed info see legislation.govt.nz/act/public/1986/0120/latest/DLM94278.

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