

Re-imagining the city: lessons from Christchurch

Christchurch is a city in transition. The 2010 and 2011 earthquakes radically transformed New Zealand's second largest city. They have presented many challenges, but also the opportunity to re-imagine what a city should and could be. This programme invites participants to also engage in this task, drawing on lessons gained from Christchurch's rebuild to date.



The programme provides the opportunity for students to go beyond the surface and to develop a deep understanding of this unique city, one which goes far beyond that which those just passing through would normally be able to acquire.

It does so through a series of lectures presented by a range of actors at the centre of Christchurch's redevelopment. These will be

complemented by a number of fieldtrips around the city, as well as discussions and activities designed to encourage reflection on issues such as the place for art, the role of heritage and how to foster social innovation.

The programme also provides an opportunity to experience life in a new place, make new friends and improve your English language skills.

It will also involve at least one day trip outside of Christchurch, allowing students to get a taste of what the wider South Island has to offer, while there will be visits to the beach and other sites of natural beauty in Christchurch.

Students will be awarded a certificate of completion from the University of Canterbury upon having successfully completed the programme.



**'the city is
experiencing a
rebirth with
creativity and wit.'**

New York Times
Places to Go in 2014



About Christchurch and the South Island

Christchurch is New Zealand's second largest city and the gateway to the South Island, an island renowned for its stunning mountains, lakes and glaciers. Christchurch itself is located on the coast of the South Pacific Ocean, but only one hour from the Southern Alps, the largest mountain range in New Zealand. Known as the Garden City, Christchurch is home to a number of public parks and gardens, including Hagley Park and the beautiful Botanic Gardens, located in the very heart of the city. For those more adventurous, the Port Hills provide a stunning setting for walking and biking. It is also a city where many exciting things are happening following the 2010 and 2011 earthquakes. Indeed, Lonely Planet ranked it one of its "Top 10 Cities" in its 2013 Best in Travel publication, while the New York Times ranked it 2nd in its list of 52 places to go in 2014.

The University of Canterbury

Established in 1873, the University of Canterbury (UC) is New Zealand's second oldest university. Located in the suburb of Ilam, close to the centre of Christchurch, on a spacious, picturesque campus, UC is home to almost 15,000 undergraduate and postgraduate students. In 2016, Times Higher Education named UC as the 39th most international university in the world, while QS ranks it in the top 250 universities in the world and has given it a prestigious 5-Star ranking for overall excellence.

UC has five Colleges: Arts (Humanities, Social Sciences and Fine Arts), Business & Law, Education, Health & Human Development, Engineering, and Science. As the capstone higher education institution in Christchurch, UC offers a world-class education, but students don't find themselves just sitting in a lecture theatre – they gain a total educational experience.

Application Criteria

This course has limited places available.

Students invited to participate will be selected by their home institution based on the following criteria:

- Academic standing at Home Institution
- English proficiency
- Interest in the programme topic

Programme Dates and Costs

This three week course will begin on 16 January 2017. Students will be housed on campus and should arrive in Christchurch on 14 or 15 January 2017. The course will end on 27 January 2017 and students must checkout by 29 January 2017.

The fee for this programme is \$NZ1,750 (including GST). This fee is based on projected prices at the time of printing and is subject to change, although this is unlikely and every effort will be made to keep it at this rate.

This fee includes accommodation, food and other costs, such as medical and travel insurance, airport pick up and drop off, and programme materials.

It **does not** include:

- International airfare to and from Christchurch International Airport (CHC)
- Travel Visa (UC will issue invitation letters to students to apply for a visa)
- Personal spending money (shopping, extra food, phone, toiletries, movies, etc)
- Non-programme associated transportation in Christchurch (bus, taxi, etc)

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Public space and street art in central Christchurch. Source: christchurchnz.com