

# Re-imagining the city: lessons from Christchurch

The programme provides the opportunity for students to go beyond the surface and to develop a deep understanding of Christchurch, 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 leaders 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. There

will also 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 (UC) upon having successfully completed the programme.



**‘The course has covered a whole range of experiences. You take trips around the city and get to visit some scenic spots too. It’s given me an all-round perspective into Christchurch and New Zealand.’**

**Lin Zijun**  
2017 Programme



## About Christchurch

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.

## The University

Established in 1873, 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 over 15,000 undergraduate and postgraduate students. QS ranks UC 214<sup>th</sup> in the 2018 World University Rankings and has also given it a prestigious 5-Star ranking for overall excellence.

UC has five Colleges: Arts (Fine Arts; Humanities and Creative Arts; Language, Social and Political Sciences; Māori and Indigenous Studies; Music), 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 do not 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 based on the following criteria:

- Academic standing at Home Institution
- English proficiency
- Motivations for participating in the programme and potential to benefit

## Programme Dates and Costs

This two week course will begin on Monday, 29 January 2018. Students will be housed on campus and should arrive in Christchurch on Saturday, 27 January 2018 as there will be some optional activities on Sunday, 28 January 2018. The course will end on Thursday, 8 February 2018 and students will checkout on Friday, 9 February 2018.

The fee for this programme is \$NZ1,800 (including GST). 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)

## More information

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