

# CHCH101 Summer Course: Strengthening Communities Through Social Innovation

Explore a new place, gain valuable leadership experience, make new friends and improve your English language skills by participating in this unique intensive course, which promotes social innovation in light of the many opportunities and challenges that have arisen after the 2010 and 2011 earthquakes, and provides students with opportunities to engage with communities across Christchurch.



## CHCH101 at the University of Canterbury

More than 500 students have taken the course over the past four years, including a strong international contingent. During the course, students will have at least 30 hours of hands-on experiences. In the past, these experiences have included: collecting data and presenting findings to the Christchurch City Council, creating a community garden, organising a street clean-up

and party, facilitating activities for school kids, building structures from recycled materials, and removing graffiti. Final projects for the course must provide a feasible idea that will improve a specific aspect of a specific community.

The hands-on nature of this course 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.

The course will also involve at least one overnight fieldtrip outside of Christchurch, allowing students to get a taste of what the wider South Island has to offer, while there will be many other opportunities to explore further both during and after the course.

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



**‘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. It is also a vibrant and cosmopolitan 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 2015, Times Higher Education named UC as the 22<sup>nd</sup> 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: Education, Engineering, Arts (Humanities, Social Sciences and Fine Arts), Business & Law, and Science. As the capstone tertiary institution in Christchurch, UC offers a world-class education, but students won't find themselves just sitting in a lecture theatre – they will gain a total educational experience.

## Application Criteria

This course has limited places available.

Students invited to participate will be selected on the following criteria:

- Academic standing at Home Institution
- English proficiency (IELTS score of 6.0)
- Interest in community engagement

## Programme Dates and Costs

This three week course will begin on 18 January 2016. Students will be housed on campus and should arrive in Christchurch on 17 January 2016. The course will end on 5 February 2016 and the checkout date is 7 February 2016.

The fee for this programme is \$NZ2,600 (including GST). This fee is based on projected prices at the time of printing and is subject to change.

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
- Personal spending money (shopping, extra food, phone, toiletries, movies, etc)
- Non-programme associated transportation in Christchurch (bus, taxi, etc)

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CHCH101 students who presented their projects to Prince Harry during his visit to New Zealand in May 2015.