Facts
- Language of instruction: English
- Number of students enrolled: 12,000
- Number of campuses: 2
- Academic year: February – November
- Autumn Semester Equivalent: July - November
- Spring Semester Equivalent: February - June

The University’s main campus is situated at Ilam, a suburb of Christchurch, about 5 km from the city centre.

Location
Christchurch is an ethnically diverse city offering an exciting and easy lifestyle for students. With a population of around 350,000, it is the largest city in the South Island and the second largest in the country. It is currently undergoing a major rebuilding and is in the process of transforming itself into one of the world’s most modern and sustainable cities.

Things to do
Known by the Māori as Aotearoa “land of the long white cloud,” New Zealand is celebrated for its breathtaking scenery, ranging from sparkling beaches and dormant volcanoes in the north, to majestic mountain ranges and fjords in the south.

South Island offers a huge range of exciting recreational options in nearby locations of incredible natural beauty including the rugged beauty of Banks Peninsula, the historic French town of Akaroa, thermal hot springs at Hamner, snowboarding on the Southern Alps and whale watching near Kaikoura.

Top attractions: Botanic Gardens, International Antarctic Centre and Christchurch’s Shipping Container Mall

Travel opportunities
North Island is easily accessible, where you can visit Auckland the ‘city of sails’ and the magical Waiheke Island. Australia is relatively close by plane – you can fly to Sydney and Melbourne in around 4 hours. You can also travel to Fiji and other Pacific islands.

Climate
The north of New Zealand is subtropical, while the south is more temperate. Christchurch has a dry climate. In January, the middle of summer, the average daily maximum temperature is 22.5°C. In July, the middle of winter, the average temperature is 11.3°C.

Finance 2017/18
Bursaries available:
- International Office Travel Bursary (means-tested): £750 dependant on household income for students beginning their studies in 2016. Students who started their studies before 2016 should see the finance webpage, as the award criteria differs (available to students classed as Home Students for fees purposes and accepted to study abroad as part of the University-wide exchange programme)

Approximate living costs per semester:

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<th>Cost</th>
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<td>Return flight from UK (av. 23 hours)</td>
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Approximate living costs compiled from student surveys and partner university website.

The University of Canterbury recommends that a single student should in general budget for between NZ$300 and $350 per week for general living expenses.
http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/enrol/fees/living.shtml

Accommodation
- The University of Canterbury Accommodation Student Village offers a tailored package for exchange students. This is in self-catered apartments of 3-6 people, just across the road from campus. Accommodation is guaranteed provided you apply before the appropriate deadlines. There is internet access in every room, a common room with Sky TV, study rooms, and a bedding pack is provided.
- Private accommodation There is a good selection of affordable rental housing close to the University and in the wider Christchurch area. Students who are planning to live off-campus are advised to allow 2 weeks to search for suitable accommodation. Rent usually costs from NZ$100 per week.

Further information: http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/accom/halls/

Further information
http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/international/exchange/income.shtml

Application success rate
2015/16 = 67%
2016-17 = 31% (percentage of students placed out of total applications to this partner)