

***University of Canterbury***

***Waseda CS-R (Customized Study Abroad – Regular Academic Program)  
at University of Canterbury***

***Location:***            ***Christchurch, New Zealand***

***Language Requirements***

TOEFL internet based 80, with a score of at least 19 in each of Writing, Reading, and Listening. Please note UC only accepts TOEFL iBT scores from a single test date, not My Best Scores.

***Date for 2026:*** <http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/study/keydates/>

**Semester 1:** 16 February 2026 – 20 June 2026 (inclusive), preceded by International Welcome (orientation) and enrolment week the week before.

**Semester 2:** 13 July 2026 – 7 November 2026 (inclusive)

\*The schedule for the next academic year is subject to change.

***Nationality***

Open to all nationalities except New Zealand or Australian

***GPA***

2.8 on a 4.0 scale

***Summary***

The University of Canterbury is located in Christchurch, which is the largest city in New Zealand's South Island, in the heart of the province of Canterbury. The city's location on the East coast makes it a perfect environment for recreation – beautiful sandy beaches are close by and skiing and snowboarding can be found at five ski fields within 90 minutes of the city. If you're interested in visiting some of New Zealand's most stunning places, Christchurch is a great base from which to do so and South Island attractions such as alpine resorts, white water rafting, whale watching, surfing, kayaking, and some of New Zealand's most beautiful scenery are easily accessible from Christchurch.

Since its establishment in 1873 by scholars from Oxford University, the University of Canterbury has enjoyed an international reputation for academic excellence in both teaching

and research. The University's teaching programmes are research based and academic staff are expected to be involved in research and publishing in their areas of specialty. As a result, students can expect to be taught by lecturers who are at the forefront of knowledge in their field. Canterbury offers Waseda students an exciting range of courses in Arts, Business, Health, Education and Science, with the chance to focus on New Zealand and Pacific Studies if they wish. Students may study related topics in fields such as Maori Studies, History, English, Political Science, Art History and Biological Science, along with many more.

### ***Academic Study***

Two semesters of Study Abroad courses

Thematic Studies:

For the Study Abroad component of the programme, students may select courses from across the University's wide range of programmes. Many students choose to include at least some courses from New Zealand and Pacific Studies. Examples include courses in Maori language and culture, New Zealand politics, history and biodiversity and New Zealand and Australian literature. The full list of courses can be found on the website below.

Waseda students may also select courses from the University's course offerings in other disciplines according to individual interest.

We also offer a service learning course, CHCH 101 Strengthening Communities Through Social Innovation, which is popular among our Study Abroad students from overseas. The course is worth 15 Canterbury points and provides opportunities to get engaged with our local communities. Further information on the course is available at:

[https://courseinfo.canterbury.ac.nz/GetCourseDetails.aspx?course=CHCH101&occurrence=24S1\(C\)&year=2025](https://courseinfo.canterbury.ac.nz/GetCourseDetails.aspx?course=CHCH101&occurrence=24S1(C)&year=2025)

PACE 295 Internship

This 15 point course offers students the opportunity to gain real world experience through an internship with a New Zealand business or community organization. The information can be found at

[https://courseinfo.canterbury.ac.nz/GetCourseDetails.aspx?course=PACE295&occurrence=24S1\(C\)&year=2025](https://courseinfo.canterbury.ac.nz/GetCourseDetails.aspx?course=PACE295&occurrence=24S1(C)&year=2025)

### ***Housing***

Most Study Abroad students choose to stay at the Ilam Student Accommodation, Hayashi accommodation or Sonoda Christchurch campus housing near campus, which provides modern self-catered apartments. Students have their own bedroom in a fully furnished flat

and share kitchen, living area and bathroom facilities with 4 or 5 other students.

A special accommodation package is available for Study Abroad students.

–see <https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/life/accommodation/international/exchange/> for details.

An online housing application is required (deadlines for applications are 1 December for Semester 1 and 1 May for Semester 2).

All on campus accommodation is located within easy walking distance of the campus, shopping centers, restaurants, and bus transportation to the city center.

### ***Opportunities for Learning Through Experience***

Study Abroad students at the University of Canterbury enjoy access to a wide range of activities. The University is home to a variety of clubs, ranging from hiking and social clubs through to sporting and drama groups. The University's Recreation Centre also offers a variety of programs.

### ***Facilitation Plan***

Student Advisors at the Colleges are available to provide academic advice to Waseda students during their studies at Canterbury. The Student Care unit provides ongoing student support services and Waseda students will also participate in an Orientation programme (International Welcome) at the start of the semester.

### ***Credits***

For the Study Abroad component, a standard semester load at the University of Canterbury is approximately 60 points per semester.

### ***Web Page***

<https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/study/getting-started/study-opportunities/study-abroad-at-uc>

For courses: <https://courseinfo.canterbury.ac.nz/>

### ***Study Abroad Fees***

**Please note that 2026 fees have not yet been confirmed and will be advised later in the year. All fees and costs listed below are 2025 fees - the 2025 fees are listed as a guide only and are subject to increase for 2026.**

1. Tuition fee: NZD 24,500 per year (2025 partner fee)

Plus compulsory Student Services Levy: this levy is based on the number of points

(credits) students enrol in and in 2025 is NZD 583.20 per semester if a standard semester load of 60 points is enrolled in or NZD 1166.40 for a standard one year load of 120 points. If enrolled in a minimum semester load of 45 points it is NZD 437.40 per semester and for an overload of 75 points it is NZD 729 per semester.

\*These are 2025 levy amounts and 2026 levy is yet to be confirmed:

<https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/study/getting-started/study-and-living-costs/study-costs/student-services-levy>

2. Room and Board:

Room at Ilam Apartments in 2025: NZD5896 for one semester plus NZD 700 deposit / NZD12,864 plus NZD800 deposit for whole year February to November. Optional bed linen pack and crockery packs are available to purchase for an additional fee. 2026 fees are yet to be set. Fees will differ for Sonoda or Hayashi, please refer to

<https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/life/accommodation/international-student-accommodation/accommodation-exchanges>

3. Maximum number of students: 5

4. Required student level on departure:

Undergraduate Student with at least 2 semesters completed

Other mandatory fee

NZD 427.5 per semester or NZD 855 per year for UC's default insurance, Studentsafe, in 2025. Cost for insurance 2026 is to be confirmed.