

Introduction to Community Engagement in Tertiary Studies Summer Course



Explore a new culture through an intensive three-week Introduction to Community Engagement in Tertiary Studies course along with seminars and workshops on academic skills in English designed for students interested in learning how universities interact with society via service learning, and also gain valuable leadership experience in the South Island of New Zealand.

Community Engagement at the University of Canterbury

Students taking this course will critically examine the concept of community engagement within tertiary studies and how this concept is being implemented in Australian, Canadian, New Zealand, U.K., U.S. and Chinese tertiary institutions. This course will integrate academic content on community engagement with students' field experiences in response to the Christchurch earthquakes. This will provide students with an overview of how many and different fields are contributing to our understanding of, response to, and mitigation of earthquake hazards in the Christchurch area. Students will also visit Arrowtown, a former gold rush town, and explore the Historic Arrowtown Chinese Settlement and discuss the theme of resilience and restoration of cultural heritage.

Students will also take part in English-language classes, provided by the Christchurch College of English Language (CCEL), the University of Canterbury's English-language teaching partner.

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

Programme Outline

Around Christchurch students will visit the Botanical Gardens, Canterbury Museum, the Transitional Cathedral, sites of cultural importance and visit Sumner Beach, Christchurch's premier surf and swimming destination.

Students will also have a three-day excursion to the Southern Lakes Region of the South Island, staying in Queenstown, known as the Outdoor Adventure Capital of the World. The excursion will include:

- A tour of Arrowtown, New Zealand's historic gold rush township
- A tour of the Historic Arrowtown Chinese Settlement
- Optional cruise on Lake Wakatipu
- Optional trip up to Bob's Peak on the Queenstown Gondola



About Christchurch and the South Island

Christchurch is New Zealand's second largest city and the gateway to the South Island. The city, located on the coast of the South Pacific Ocean, features the lush Botanical Gardens, surf beaches, vibrant cosmopolitan cafes and restaurants, and is only one hour from the Southern Alps, the largest mountain range in New Zealand.

Application Criteria

Students invited to attend the Introduction to Community Engagement in Tertiary Studies Summer Course at the University of Canterbury will be selected on the following criteria:

- Academic standing at Home Institution
- IELTS score of 6.0
- Interest in community engagement

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, Christchurch, UC is home to almost 16,000 undergraduate and postgraduate students, and is ranked the 19th most international university in the world by *Times Higher Education*. QS ranks UC in the top 250 universities in the world and has given UC a 5-Star ranking, noted especially for its research, teaching and internationalisation.

UC has five Colleges: Education, Engineering, Arts (Humanities), Business & Law, and Science. As the capstone tertiary institution in Christchurch, UC offers a world-class education based centred on biculturalism, community, internationalism and employment.

Programme Dates and Costs

The three-week programme will run from Monday 26 January to Friday 13 February 2015. Students will be housed on campus and should arrive on campus on Sunday 25 January 2015. The check-out date is Saturday 14 February 2015.

Entry is limited to 30 students.

Cost of the programme in New Zealand dollars (including GST)

Accommodation and food	\$1,015
Queenstown/Arrowtown excursion	\$785
Programme and activities*	\$1,400
TOTAL costs per person**	NZ\$3,200

*Covers medical and travel insurance (Studentsafe), airport pick up and drop off, English language instruction at CCEL, local trips and programme materials.

**Costs are based on projected prices and time of printing. Any increases in cost beyond the control of the University of Canterbury will be passed on directly to students enrolling in programme.

For more information on Studentsafe insurance, see: www.studentsafe.co.nz

Programme costs **do not** include:

- Optional excursion trips on Lake Wakatipu and to Bob's Peak
- 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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