

University of Canterbury Study Abroad Roadmap

Below is a summary of the most important checkpoints throughout the study abroad process. This is a general overview – please read all emails and application instructions carefully as they will contain detailed information about the points below.



Academic Planning Worksheet – Work with your Academic Advisor and CoF Intl Coordinator to complete this before applying. Thorough academic planning prior to studying abroad will help you make informed decisions about which courses to take while abroad and determine how they will fit into your degree plan.

OSU GO Application – Initiate an OSU GO online application and complete all Stage 1 items (includes recommendation, essays, and unofficial transcript). After acceptance, your application will be advanced to Stage 2. You will be completing various Stage 2 application items up until your departure date.

Apply for Scholarships – Understand cost estimates and consider various opportunities to apply for funding support. Deadlines vary and may be before program acceptance.

OSU GO Acceptance – Once your completed application is received, you will be notified about program acceptance by OSU (typically within 2 weeks).

UC Application – Once accepted by OSU, complete the UC online application. You will be required to upload your transcript and passport copy and will be asked to provide an initial list of preferred courses you wish to take. UC assesses the application and issues Offer of Place (acceptance) letter (typically within 2 weeks). We recommend you wait to buy your plane tickets until after you have received official notification of acceptance from UC.

Final Application to Enrol – The UC Study Abroad team reviews your preferred courses, checks with departments, and will notify you of course approvals. You will then complete the final Application to Enrol where you'll apply to register for the actual courses you wish to take.

Pre-Departure Orientation – Attend the mandatory OSU GO orientation.

Apply for Housing – Most students choose to stay at Ilam Apartments on campus. An offer of place is guaranteed as long as you apply by the deadline.

Pay Bill – You will need to pre-pay your tuition directly to UC to obtain a student visa to study at UC. If you are unable to complete your enrolment, this will be refunded.

Visa Application – You must apply for and receive a student visa BEFORE travelling to New Zealand.

Arrive in New Zealand! – Upon arrival, attend the International Welcome/Orientation and complete your in-person enrolment.



Attend Classes – Understand academic requirements. Send course syllabi to CoF Intl Coordinator.

Register at OSU -- Get PIN from academic advisor. You will need to register for OSAB (placeholder) credits at OSU each term to maintain your status as an enrolled OSU Student.

Request Transcript – Before leaving, request that an official UC transcript be sent to CoF Intl Coordinator (electronic is fine).

Return to OSU – Give feedback to CoF Intl and your academic advisor. Consider attending returnee events & workshops such as “Articulating Your Intl Experience to Employers”. Share pictures, stories, and encourage others to go! Once transcript is received by CoF Intl Coordinator, credits and grades will be reported to the Registrar and will be reflected in MyDegrees (typically within 2 months).