

2025



# Accommodation Guide

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## He Arataki Nohonga





**2,700+ BEDS**

*A range of accommodation options offered, from single fully-furnished rooms to self-contained studio units*



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UC is proud to partner with Ngāi Tūāhuriri and Ngāi Tahu to uphold the mana and aspirations of mana whenua.

Front cover: Ngā Kete o te Wānanga; a woven design depicting the fibres of the baskets of knowledge. Represents partnership, community, and collaboration.

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# Kia ora

## Nau mai ki te Arataki Nohonga. Welcome to the Accommodation Guide.

We are so glad you chose to become a part of Te Whare Wānanga o Waitaha | University of Canterbury (UC) whānau, and we look forward to welcoming you.

This guide gives you an overview of the wide range of accommodation options we have for our students, both on and off campus.

No matter which accommodation type you choose, you will encounter a wonderful mix of opportunities for new experiences, friendships, and valuable life lessons that will help you grow and succeed in the future.

UC's values of whanaungatanga, manaakitanga, and tiakitanga are lived out in our accommodation options, meaning we focus on valuing, empowering, and caring for each other, and the place we live and study. You will find a supportive, nurturing environment here.

**“UC has become a home for me. In my first week I made friends who I still see daily.”**

**Rohan**

Bachelor of Engineering with Honours  
in Mechatronics

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## WELLBEING

*All accommodation options offer a close, supportive community to help you through your UC journey*

# Halls of residence

Living in a hall of residence offers outstanding accommodation options right on campus.

### UC Accommodation

UC Accommodation partners with four accommodation providers who manage UC affiliated halls of residence. This includes all aspects of your residential life experience and contractual arrangements.

### Find your place

Halls are a safe and comfortable option for all students, from first year to postgraduate.

The halls of residence provide:

- a diverse community
- manaakitanga – a supportive living and learning environment
- 2,700 beds
- a home a few minutes walk to lectures.

### Your home away from home

Each hall offers:

- Taurima/Residential Assistant support
- your own fully-furnished room
- heating and power
- computer rooms with printing facilities
- unlimited wi-fi for UC students
- recreational facilities
- study areas
- events and social activities
- academic support for first-year students
- meals or cooking facilities
- laundry facilities
- bicycle storage
- carparking at most halls.

Read more about each of the accommodation options on **pages 6–29**.



**“I chose to live in a hall of residence because it’s the best place for studying and making friends.”**

**Joe**

*Hayashi*  
Master of Data Science



University Hall



# EXPLORE

*All accommodation options are within easy reach of spectacular outdoor adventure spaces*



College House

### Support to succeed

You can get a great start to your studies by staying at a hall of residence.

- First-year students can get help with their studies, often from students who have excelled at the same course.
- Study groups, mentoring, and peer support are facilitated by the halls of residence.
- Pastoral care is available to support your health and wellbeing.

### Flat with friends on campus

Our modern fully-furnished, self-catered apartments offer you a transition from a fully-catered hall to the independence and convenience of flatting. For how to apply for an apartment, see [page 26–29](#).

### An active lifestyle

Students get free RecCentre membership and the gym is located right on campus. Here, you can play social sport, work out, or join a fitness class. The campus is a great place for a walk or bike ride as well.

Staying in halls of residence also brings you closer to 160+ UC clubs, with a wide variety of sporting, recreational, academic, and cultural groups.

Venture a little further afield for mountain biking, surfing, skiing, and tramping opportunities. With ski fields 1½ hours drive from the city, and surfing or mountain biking just a 30 minutes drive, you can surf and ski in the same day.

He paenga, he nohonga Tupeka Kore, Auahi Kore a UC.



The UC campus, including all halls of residence, is smokefree and vape-free.

### AT A GLANCE

**5–15** minutes walk from room to lectures

**10** accommodation options

**2,000+** beds for first-year students

 **Take a look**

View videos and 360 degree panoramas at [canterbury.ac.nz/life/accommodation/halls-of-residence/about-uc-halls-of-residence/videos-and-360-views-halls](https://canterbury.ac.nz/life/accommodation/halls-of-residence/about-uc-halls-of-residence/videos-and-360-views-halls)

# Pastoral care

UC is committed to supporting the wellbeing and safety of our students.

## Code of Pastoral Care

Along with other tertiary education providers in New Zealand, the University must ensure that it is compliant with all requirements within the Education (Pastoral Care of Tertiary and International Learners) Code of Practice 2021.

The code ensures that student accommodation fosters a supportive and inclusive community which supports the wellbeing and safety of residents.

[nzqa.govt.nz/tertiary/the-code](https://nzqa.govt.nz/tertiary/the-code)

## Code of conduct

Residents are expected to help support the safety and wellbeing of their hall communities. Each hall has regulations listing each resident's responsibilities. The University Student Code of Conduct also requires each student to keep themselves and others safe and does not bring UC into disrepute.

[canterbury.ac.nz/life/support-and-wellbeing/raise-a-concern/concerns-and-complaints-guide/student-code-of-conduct](https://canterbury.ac.nz/life/support-and-wellbeing/raise-a-concern/concerns-and-complaints-guide/student-code-of-conduct)

## Keep yourself healthy

To ensure health and wellbeing, we strongly recommend registering with the UC Health Centre on arrival. Meningitis vaccines are free to domestic students under 25 living in halls of residence, and free counselling is accessible to most students.

[www.canterbury.ac.nz/life/support-and-wellbeing/uc-health-centre](https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/life/support-and-wellbeing/uc-health-centre)



## Support services

We value manaakitanga at UC. There are several groups who can provide you with guidance and support in dealing with issues and concerns that may arise while at UC.

These include:

- Te Pātaka | Student Services Hub
- Student Care
- Rainbow Support
- UC Health Centre
- Kā Waimaero | UC Māori
- Pacific Development Team
- Ratonga Whaikaha | Student Accessibility Service
- Faculty Student Advisors
- UC Chaplaincy
- UCSA Advocacy and Welfare team.

Additionally, Kaitoko provide support for first-year students to help navigate UC and achieve study goals. They have specialist knowledge and can help with any aspect of study.

See [page 39](#) for contact details.

## Resident Induction

All halls offer an induction to promote academic success, wellbeing, and awareness of UC support services. This includes a Taurikura/Thrive lecture for first-year students prior to lectures starting.

## Living off-campus

### JumpStart

JumpStart offers a two-day orientation and a Term 1 social and academic calendar for first-year students living at home, flatting, or boarding. Students have opportunities to connect with others and prepare for life at UC.

[canterbury.ac.nz/life/support-and-wellbeing/uc-support-services/jumpstart-2024](https://canterbury.ac.nz/life/support-and-wellbeing/uc-support-services/jumpstart-2024)

### UniLife

UniLife is a free, year-long social mentoring programme run by students for students living off-campus.

[canterbury.ac.nz/life/support-and-wellbeing/uc-support-services/unilife](https://canterbury.ac.nz/life/support-and-wellbeing/uc-support-services/unilife)



# Te tau tuatahi | First-year options



*Arcady Hall is an independent hall of residence headed by a Board of Governors and affiliated to UC through a Memorandum of Understanding and Partner Agreement.*

*The Hall has 100+ years of history and was originally named after Bishop Julius, the second Anglican Bishop of Christchurch, moving to its current premises in 1974.*

# Arcady Hall

Established in 1917, this independent hall features modern facilities such as a makerspace with 3D printer.



- 162 rooms
- 7 Residential Assistants



- 7 minutes walk to campus



- 4 residential buildings
- fully-furnished rooms including king single beds
- kitchenettes
- alcohol-free floors



- fully-catered – 3 meals a day, 7 days a week
- salad bar and snacks, coffee machine, and toastie makers
- outdoor dining
- suppers during study and exams
- packed lunches and late meals available Monday–Friday
- meals provided during term and semester breaks
- themed dinners, such as Japan Night and Mid-Winter Christmas



**“I chose to live in a hall of residence to be in a supported and caring community that I can call home.”**

## Summer

Bachelor of Arts in Psychology with a minor in Media and Communication





- shared bathrooms
- bathroom:student ratio – Mabel Hendrie/Cranmer – 1:4, Oaks – 1:5, Nancy Sims – 2:9



- laundry with drying room and outside drying area
- bed linen provided and changed weekly
- bedrooms vacuumed weekly
- bathrooms and common areas cleaned six days per week



- study centre connected to the UC network
- tutorials
- \$2,000 entrance scholarships for academic excellence, women and science, community service, first-in-family, and alumni
- awards for excellence in Arts and Music, and Arcady Hall community engagement



- common room with pool table, foosball, sound and lighting system, table tennis, piano, SKY TV, and PlayStation
- music room
- residential life programme based on the four pillars of Live, Connect, Support, and Learn
- themed parties, Arcady Awards Night, and annual ball
- Hobby Lobby with Lego wall and 3D printer



- secure bicycle storage



- Cranmer and Oaks both have an accessible bathroom



- cameras operating in some common spaces/outdoor areas
- swipe access



- rooms have electric or radiator heaters



- total 2024 fees: \$23,500
- residential fee: \$22,500
- deposit: \$1,000
- carparking: \$300 (subject to availability)
- 2024 contract: **13 February–24 hours after final UC commitment**
- accommodation includes fully-catered term and semester breaks
- 3 instalments: January/April/September



- your contract is directly with Arcady Hall with standards and expectations as set out in the Hall's handbook. [arcadyhall.org.nz/handbook](http://arcadyhall.org.nz/handbook)

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College House

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*The College is the oldest university college in New Zealand founded in 1850. In 1957, College House became fully independent, moving to its current premises in 1966.*

# College House

College House is New Zealand's oldest university college founded in 1850. Many pieces from its contemporary art collection are displayed around the hall.



- 159 rooms
- 6 Residential Assistants



- 7 minutes walk to campus



- 11 residential houses, each with two house leaders
- fully-furnished 13m<sup>2</sup> rooms including king single beds
- kitchenettes
- most rooms North facing



- fully-catered – 3 meals a day, 7 days a week
- two salad bars, microwaves, toasters, and toastie makers
- suppers during study week and exams
- meals provided during breaks
- meal ordering app
- packed lunches
- formal dining during term time
- guest speakers
- annual ball and themed dinners



**“In College House, there was no shortage of activities and events organised by the hall to ensure we all met and got to know one another.”**

**Aarnav**

Bachelor of Engineering (with Honours) and Bachelor of Laws



- shared bathrooms
- bathroom:student ratio – 1:5



- laundry with drying room
- ski, surf, and snowboard storage
- bed linen provided and changed weekly
- bedrooms serviced weekly
- shared areas cleaned daily



- three bay study centre with interactive screens
- computer suite and printer connected to UC network
- architecturally significant library
- 800+ tutorials per year
- scholarships available for residents



- ground floor accommodation with bathroom, kitchenette, dining room, common room, chapel, and study centre access
- lift access in administration building



- common room with kitchen, gas fire, and AV system
- recreation centre with light and sound system
- sports lounge with table tennis, billiard table, and smart TV
- chapel service held once a term
- basketball hoop, sports field, fitness equipment, and all-weather tennis court
- formal lounge with gas fire and grand piano
- annual sporting and cultural exchange with Selwyn College, Ōtepoti Dunedin
- strong alumni network
- 100+ artworks on display



- secure bicycle storage and separate high-performance bicycle storage



- swipe card access, security surveillance, and fenced campus



- rooms have individual wall heaters or in-ceiling heating



- total 2024 fees: \$26,083
- residential fee: \$25,148
- deposit: \$935
- carparking: \$100 per term (subject to availability)
- 2024 contract:  
**11 February–24 hours after final UC commitment**
- accommodation includes fully-catered term and semester breaks
- 3 instalments:  
January/May/September



- your contract is directly with College House with standards and expectations as set out in the Hall's handbook.  
**[collegehouse.org.nz/house-rules](https://collegehouse.org.nz/house-rules)**

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**UniLodge**

**Ilam Student  
Accommodation**

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*UniLodge provides student accommodation in 100+ locations in Aotearoa and Australia.*

# Ilam Student Accommodation

This apartment-style complex offers independent living on campus to 849 residents.



- 849 rooms (up to 50% first years)
- Taurima: student ratio – 1:25



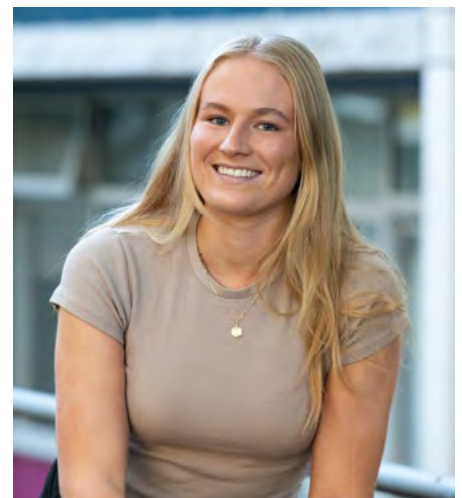
- 2 apartment types – Kōwhai and Hīnau
- 41-week contracts for first-year students
- fully-furnished rooms including king single beds
- non-alcohol, and rainbow-friendly apartments available
- single-gender apartments may be available
- option to flat together with your friends.



- self-catered – shared kitchens equipped with essentials (personal cutlery and crockery can be purchased)
- fully-catered at Tupuānuku, UC's newest hall (up to 200)
- optional lunch (picked up on campus) and dinner (on-site at Ilam) plan.
- shared dining/living room



- shared bathrooms
- bathroom:student ratio – Kōwhai 2:6, Hīnau 1:3, 2:4, 2:5



**“I have met heaps of friends both in Ilam and other halls.”**

**Isabella**

Bachelor of Commerce in Marketing, and Strategy and Entrepreneurship



- 5 minutes walk to campus
- central location surrounded by other first-year halls



- secure bicycle storage



- Kōwhai – in-flat washing machine and dryer
- Hīnau – on-site laundry room
- bed linen not provided, but can be purchased
- weekly housekeeping service (excluding bedrooms)



- wheelchair accessible Kōwhai apartments



- swipe card access to buildings
- key access to bedrooms
- 24-hour student support and emergency response
- CCTV



- your contract is directly with UniLodge with standards and expectations as set out in the Hall's Aratohu Kainoho Resident Handbook. [unilodge.com.au/student-accommodation-christchurch/ilam-apartments/faq](https://unilodge.com.au/student-accommodation-christchurch/ilam-apartments/faq)



- computer room and printer connected to UC network
- tutorials arranged in specific subjects according to need and prior to exams
- study room



- panel or ceiling heaters in each bedroom and common areas



- total 2024 fees: \$11,578 (Hīnau), 12,152 (Kōwhai)
- residential fee: \$10,578–\$11,152
- deposit: \$1,000
- carparking: \$600 (subject to availability)
- 2024 contract: **10 February–23 November** (41 weeks)
- accommodation includes term and semester breaks
- fees payable fortnightly, semesterly, or lump sum



- common room with table tennis, SKY TV, and pool table
- 100+ organised residential life events
- UniLodge sports competitions
- outdoor gym and social spaces

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### Special Note

Due to the construction of the new hall, there may be disruption for residents during 2025. We will minimise the impact where possible.



# UniLodge

Kirkwood Avenue Hall

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*UniLodge provides student accommodation in 100+ locations in Aotearoa and Australia.*

## Kirkwood Avenue Hall

Kirkwood Avenue Hall, located next to campus, is home to up to 64 first-year ākonga students.



- 54 rooms and 10 ensuite rooms
- 4 Taurima



- 2-5 minutes walk to campus



- one residential building with all rooms on one level
- fully-furnished rooms including king single beds
- hand basin and mirror in each room



- self-catered – shared kitchen equipped with essentials (personal cutlery and crockery can be purchased)
- individual food storage
- dining room



- shared bathrooms or limited ensuite rooms
- bathroom:student ratio – 1:4



**“Kirkwood especially appealed to me because of the community feel, cooking for myself, and accessibility of and to the University.”**

### Madeleine

Bachelor of Criminal Justice and a Bachelor of Laws



- laundry
- bed linen not provided, but can be purchased
- bathrooms and shared areas cleaned daily



- study areas
- computer room and printer connected to UC network
- support programme to aid students in the first weeks of university and hall life
- tutorials arranged in specific subjects according to need and prior to exams



- multiple recreational spaces with table tennis, foosball, pool table, and SKY TV
- UniLodge sports competitions
- 100+ organised residential life events
- vegetable garden
- located across from the UC RecCentre



- wheelchair accessible rooms



- swipe card access to building
- key access to bedrooms
- 24-hour student support and emergency response
- CCTV



- panel heater in each bedroom



- total 2024 fees: \$11,865 (single), \$13,259 (ensuite)
- residential fee: \$10,865 (single), \$12,259 (ensuite)
- deposit: \$1,000
- carparking: \$600 limited available on site complemented by student permit parking on campus.
- 2024 contract: **10 February–23 November** (41 weeks)
- accommodation includes term and semester breaks
- fees payable fortnightly, semesterly, or lump sum



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## ROCHESTER & RUTHERFORD HALL

*Rochester and Rutherford Hall is governed by an Executive Council and affiliated to UC through a Partner Agreement and pastoral care collaboration.*

*The Hall was founded in 1984 with the merger of Rochester Hall (1956) and Rutherford Hall (1951).*

# Rochester and Rutherford Hall

Rochester and Rutherford Hall is located in grounds featuring mature trees and gardens.



- 192 rooms
- 6 Residential Tutors



- 2 minutes walk to campus



- 5 residential buildings
- fully-furnished rooms including king single divan beds
- kitchenettes



- fully-catered – 3 meals a day, 7 days a week
- dining hall with servery, SKY TV, and grand piano
- suppers during study and exam weeks
- early and late meals, and packed lunches available (including frozen meals)
- Annual Ball and themed dinners
- BBQ area and Tribute Garden



- shared bathrooms
- bathroom:student ratio – 1:4



**“My tutor has been really supportive with my studies, and this has made a difference with my entrance into university.”**

**Brooke**

Bachelor of Engineering with Honours





- laundry
- bed linen provided and changed weekly
- bathrooms and shared areas cleaned five times per week
- bedrooms cleaned fortnightly



- Yardley study centre, reading room, and O'Dowd study room for study and tutorials
- study areas in recreation room and TV room
- computer room and printer connected to UC network
- tutorials and personal programmes organised on request
- scholarships awarded to residents based on academic success



- secure bicycle storage



- security fob access to buildings and bedrooms
- CCTV in carpark, house foyers, and administration block
- carpark with electronic gate



- recreation room with pool table, foosball, table tennis, air hockey, and SKY TV
- regular chapel services
- music room with piano, bass guitar, drums, keyboard, and sound system
- Student Executive activities



- ground floor accommodation with bathroom, dining room, and study centre access



- rooms centrally heated with individually controlled radiators

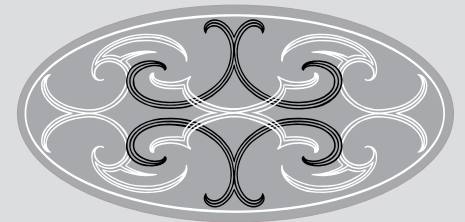


- total 2024 fees: \$22,550
- residential fee: \$21,200
- deposit: \$2,500 (\$550 admin fee + \$1,950 fees in advance)
- \$500 refundable contingency fee
- \$300 residents' association fee
- carparking: \$300 (if available)
- 2024 contract:
  - 14 February–24 hours after final UC commitment**
- term and semester breaks accommodation by arrangement
- 3 instalments:
  - January/April/August



- your contract is directly with Rochester and Rutherford Hall with standards, policies, and expectations as set out in the Hall's handbook. [rochester-rutherford.org.nz/handbook](https://rochester-rutherford.org.nz/handbook)

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**TUPUĀNUKU**

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# Tupuānuku

UC's newest hall, Tupuānuku, offers many living options five minutes from campus.



- 375 standard rooms, 100 ensuite rooms, and 29 accessible rooms with ensuite
- 20 Taurima



- fully-catered – 19 meals a week (brunch at weekends)
- shared kitchen
- shared dining space opening onto an internal courtyard
- catered dining room



- 5 minutes walk to campus



- fully-furnished rooms including king single beds
- kitchenettes on each floor



- shared bathrooms or ensuite rooms
- bathroom:student ratio – 1:4



- laundry



**“I chose to live in a hall because I wanted to make as many friends as I could in my first year whilst maintaining an efficient studying schedule.”**

**Ben**

Conjoint Bachelor of Product Design and Science in Statistics and Industrial Product Design



- study space on each floor
- bookable study rooms
- tutorials arranged in specific subjects according to need and prior to exams



- social space on each floor
- shared lounge
- media and music rooms
- games room with pool table, air hockey, table tennis, and foosball
- internal courtyard
- UniLodge sports competitions
- 100+ organised residential life events



- secure internal and external bicycle storage



- fully accessible with lifts, ramps, and specifically designed kitchen space



- full CCTV coverage
- swipe card access to building and bedroom



- centrally heated



- total 2024 fees: \$21,418 (single), \$22,894 (ensuite)
- residential fee: \$20,418 (single), \$21,894 (ensuite)
- deposit: \$1,000
- carparking: student permit parking on campus
- 2024 contract: **10 February–23 November** (41 weeks)
- accommodation includes fully-catered term and semester breaks
- fees payable fortnightly, semesterly, or lump sum



- your contract is directly with UniLodge with standards and expectations as set out in the Hall's Aratohu Kainoho Resident handbook. [unilodge.com.au/student-accommodation-christchurch/tupuanuku/faq](https://unilodge.com.au/student-accommodation-christchurch/tupuanuku/faq)

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# University Hall

University Hall offers a mix of living options in a vibrant student community.



- 541 rooms
- 20 Taurima



- 5 minutes walk to campus



- 16 apartments available and single occupancy rooms in West and East residential buildings
- 3 couple's self-contained flats (see [page 35](#))
- fully-furnished rooms including king single beds
- hand basin and mirror in most East rooms
- kitchenettes
- Single-gender, non-alcohol, and rainbow-friendly living environments available

- fully-catered – 19 meals a week (brunch at weekends)
- dining room with self-service salad bar and refreshments area
- early and late meals and packed lunches available
- themed dinners



- shared bathrooms
- bathroom:student ratio – West 1:6, East 2:5, East flats 1:3



**“My RA [Taurima] is very friendly and approachable, I go to them first when I’m not sure of something.”**

**Tyler**  
Bachelor of Arts



- laundry
- bed linen not provided, but can be purchased
- shared bathrooms cleaned daily



- dedicated tutorial and study rooms
- computer room and printer connected to UC network
- support programme designed to aid students in the first weeks of university and hall life
- learning groups arranged in specific subjects according to need and prior to exams



- common room with SKY TV
- volleyball court and basketball hoop
- tennis courts nearby
- UniLodge sports competitions
- 100+ organised residential life events



- secure bicycle storage



- wheelchair accessible flats



- swipe card access to buildings, and key to bedroom
- 24-hour student support and emergency response
- CCTV



- radiators in each room



- total 2024 fees: \$18,671 (West), \$20,844 (East), \$21,746 (East flat)
- residential fee: \$17,671 (West), \$19,844 (East), \$20,746 (East flat)
- deposit: \$1,000
- carparking: \$600 (subject to availability)
- 2024 contract: **10 February–23 November** (41 weeks)
- accommodation includes fully-catered term and semester breaks
- fees payable fortnightly, semesterly, or lump sum



- your contract is directly with UniLodge with standards and expectations as set out in the Hall's Aratohu Kainoho Resident handbook.  
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Rochester and Rutherford Hall



Arcady Hall



Kirkwood Avenue Hall

# How do I apply — first-year

## How to apply

### Step 1 — apply online

Complete an online application form at [canterbury.ac.nz/life/accommodation](https://canterbury.ac.nz/life/accommodation)

You will need:

- Contact details for two emergency contacts.
- Two preferred halls or room types. Please note – all room types are considered individually. Applying for two room types within the same hall will not increase the likelihood of being offered a room in that hall.
- Content for the “**More About You**” Section. See our FAQs online. Complete a draft first, then copy and paste into your application form.

### Step 2 — provide a reference

#### For Aotearoa school leavers or students who have taken a gap year

- Request your Common Confidential Reference Form (CCRF) from your school to complete by **15 September**. [ccrf.ac.nz/students](https://ccrf.ac.nz/students)

#### Not an Aotearoa school leaver?

- Character Reference from someone in authority who knows you well but is not a friend or family member.

#### Applying for College House?

- Contact the hall for an interview. [collegehouse.org.nz](https://collegehouse.org.nz)

#### First-year students aged over 20

- Apply for Ilam Student Accommodation. No reference is required. Ilam can match you with students of similar age.

## Take a tour

- Look in person at Rā Tōmene | UC Open Day on **30 August**. Register at [canterbury.ac.nz/openday](https://canterbury.ac.nz/openday)
- Halls will also be open to view on **29–31 August**. Times will be listed on the Rā Tōmene | UC Open Day webpage.
- Alternatively, tours can be booked from **April to September** at [canterbury.ac.nz/events/tours-and-events/campus-tours](https://canterbury.ac.nz/events/tours-and-events/campus-tours)
- View videos and 360 panoramas at [canterbury.ac.nz/life/accommodation/halls/360-panoramas](https://canterbury.ac.nz/life/accommodation/halls/360-panoramas)

Online applications are due by **25 September**, including reference.

Late applications will be considered on **30 October** if space is available.



University Hall

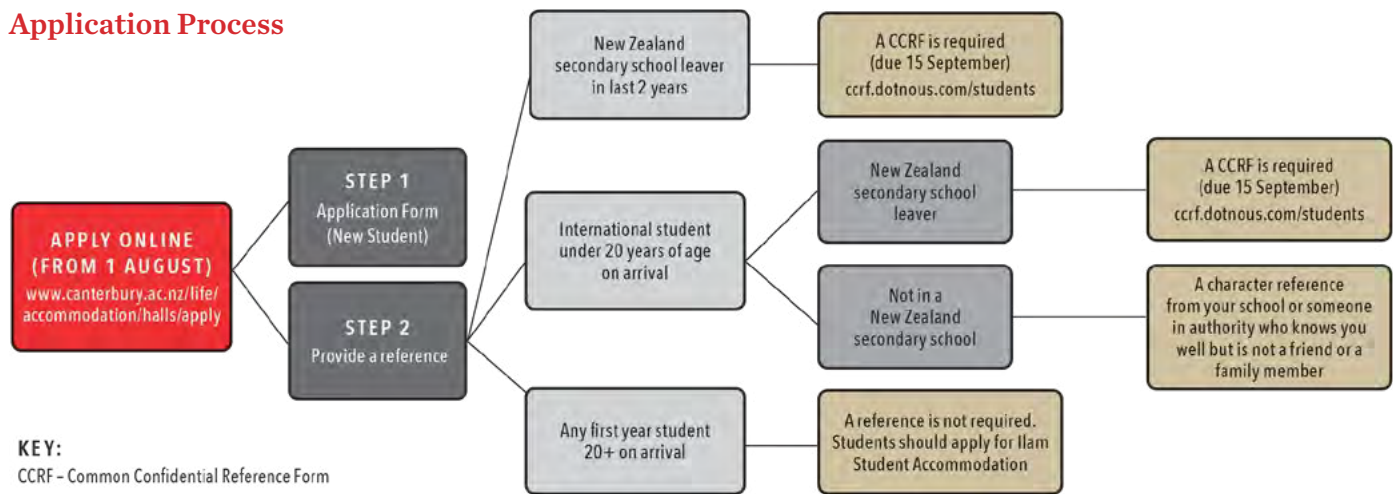


Ilam Student Accommodation



College House

## Application Process



## Tips for applying

### Do your research!

- Take a tour, watch 360 panoramas and videos, and be confident in your choices. Remember, you will have a great experience in any hall of residence affiliated to UC.

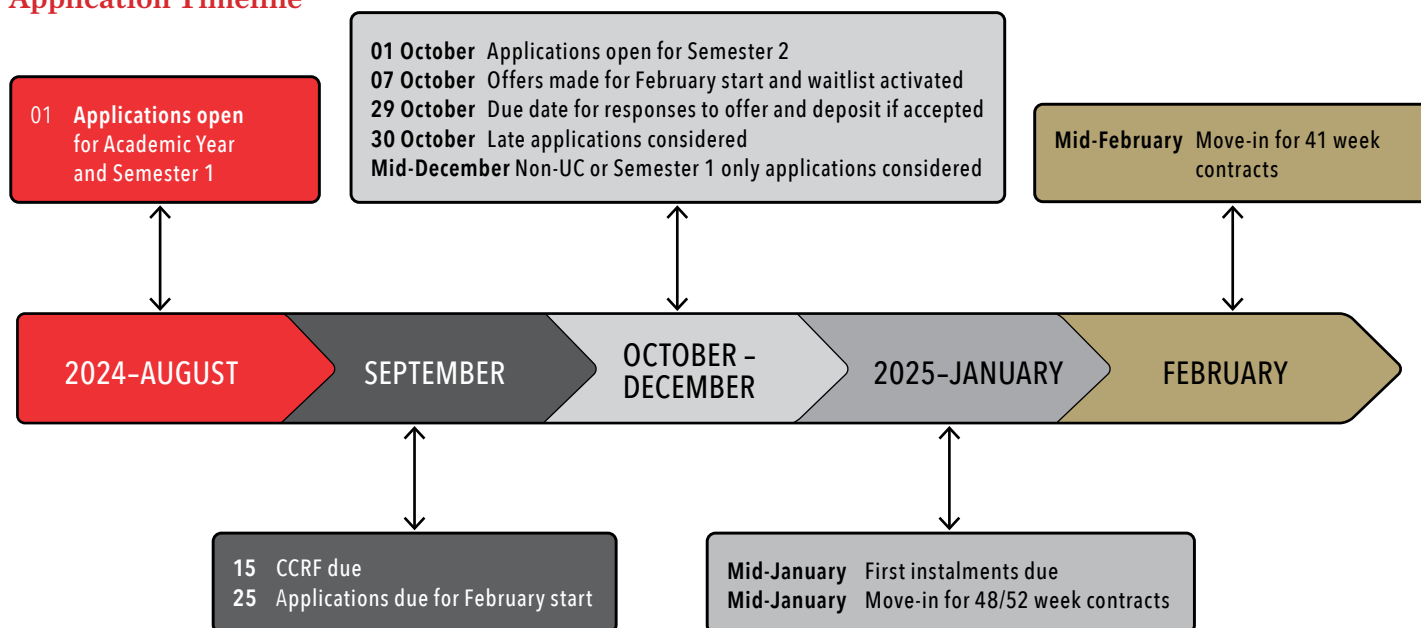
### Apply early!

- Giving your hall time to read and consider your application is in your best interest.
- Request your CCRF early to enable your school to represent you well and submit your reference by **15 September**. References received after the due date result in a late application.

### Double check

- Ensure you enter your name and date of birth correctly and in the same format for both your application and your CCRF request, as these are matched electronically.
- Check you are entering the correct term. First-year students should apply for the **"2025 Academic Year"** and will be prioritised over **Semester 1** applications.

## Application Timeline



- Use a reliable email address that is not your school email address. The halls need to be able to communicate with you prior to your arrival, including connecting you with your Taurima or Residential Assistant as your first point of contact.
- Kirkwood Avenue Hall and Tupuānuku both offer ensuite rooms, but they are in high demand. Consider if you really need an ensuite room. Preference is given to students with medical, wellbeing, or other personal needs. If this is you, make sure you disclose these in your application form.
- If you need to make changes to your application once it has been completed, contact Accommodation Services at [accommodation@canterbury.ac.nz](mailto:accommodation@canterbury.ac.nz). After the application due date, preferences are not able to be changed.
- If you do not hear from us after applying online, contact us to make sure your application has been received. You should receive three emails from us – once when you register your application, when the Declaration and Consent has been accepted, and when your CCRF has been received and your application forwarded to your preferred hall.

### Selection process

All halls of residence undertake a selection process. They aim to establish a diverse community with a mix of degrees and representation from all over Aotearoa and internationally.

Prioritisation will apply for all rooms, which will take into consideration:

- UC scholarship recipients
- students studying degrees only offered at UC
- students of younger age
- any specific personal circumstances.

If you do not receive an offer from your preferred halls, this does not mean you have not submitted a strong application. A number of considerations are taken into the selection process which you can discuss with the hall directly.

Offers will be made from **7 October** and a General Waitlist will be held by Accommodation Services.

### Fees

You will be required to pay a deposit to secure your room. Your deposit is made up of a non-refundable contingency fee, an administration fee, and a residential life fee. Deposits are due on **29 October** and in 2024 ranged between \$1,000 and \$2,500.

First instalments are due in January. Amounts differ between halls so know what the fees and payment schedules are before you apply online. Refer to our comparison charts at [canterbury.ac.nz/life/accommodation/halls-of-residence](https://canterbury.ac.nz/life/accommodation/halls-of-residence)

**Please note: Study Link and most UC Scholarships are not able to be used for your hall deposit or first instalment.**





Tupuānuku



Arcady Hall



College House

## General waitlist

Students that miss out on a room may be offered an alternative hall with available rooms, or to be placed on the General Waitlist that all halls can access. Waitlisted students are updated each week.

If you receive an offer from the General Waitlist, consider it carefully as you may not receive another opportunity.

Please note: you are not able to receive an offer and stay on the General Waitlist at the same time.

The General Waitlist is not ranked, and offers depend on the type of resident the hall is looking for and taking into consideration priority groups.

## Summer accommodation

If you are undertaking a Certificate in University Preparation or Head Start, accommodation may be available on campus. Details will be provided in **September** at [canterbury.ac.nz/life/accommodation/](https://canterbury.ac.nz/life/accommodation/)

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UC's Future Student Advisors are also happy to help with first-year queries or study planning:

Waea: 0800 VARSITY (827 748)  
 Īmēra: [futurestudents@canterbury.ac.nz](mailto:futurestudents@canterbury.ac.nz)



**“Choosing to go to halls, I believe, has singlehandedly made my university experience the incredible experience it is.”**

### Seth

Arcady Hall  
 Bachelor of Arts in Psychology with a minor in Media and Communication

# Compare first-year options

## Services and suitability

Hall of Residence	Services		Suitability		
	Meals provided	Linen provided	Under 18 years of age international student	Single gender accommodation	Wheelchair accessible
Arcady Hall	•	•	•	—	•
College House	•	•	•	—	•
<b>Ilam Student Accommodation</b> Hīnau: 3–5 bedroom apartments Kōwhai: 6 bedroom apartments	Fully-catered at Tupuānuku or optional meal plan on site for lunch and dinner	— —	— —	May be possible	— •
Kirkwood Avenue Hall (Self-catered)	—	—	—	—	•
Rochester and Rutherford Hall	•	•	•	—	•
Tupuānuku	•	—	•	—	•
University Hall	•	—	•	•	•

## Contract length and cost

Hall of Residence	Contract			Costs in 2024 (NZ\$)			
	Contract length	One semester	Summer stay	Residential fee (power incl.)	Additional fees*	Annual carparking fee	Payment frequency
Arcady Hall	Feb–Nov	—	—	\$22,500	\$1,000	\$300	Jan/Apr/Sept
College House	Feb–Nov	—	—	\$25,148	\$935	\$100/term	Jan/May/Sept
<b>Ilam Student Accommodation</b> Hīnau: 3–5 bedroom apartments	41 weeks	•	•	\$10,578 self-catered	\$1,000	\$600	Fortnightly†
Kōwhai: 6 bedroom apartments	41 weeks	•	•	\$11,152 self-catered	\$1,000	\$600	Fortnightly†
<b>Kirkwood Avenue Hall (Single)</b>	41 weeks	•	—	\$10,865	\$1,000	\$600	Fortnightly†
<b>Kirkwood Avenue Hall (Single Ensuite)</b>	41 weeks	•	—	\$12,259	\$1,000	\$600	Fortnightly†
<b>Rochester and Rutherford Hall</b>	Feb–Nov**	—	Limited	\$21,200	\$1,350	\$300	Jan/Apr/Aug
<b>Tupuānuku (Single)</b>	41 weeks	•	•	\$20,418	\$1,000	—	Fortnightly†
<b>Tupuānuku (Single Ensuite)</b>	41 weeks	•	•	\$21,894	\$1,000	—	Fortnightly†
<b>University Hall (West – Standard)</b>	41 weeks	•	—	\$17,671	\$1,000	\$600	Fortnightly†
<b>University Hall (East – Standard)</b>	41 weeks	•	—	\$19,844	\$1,000	\$600	Fortnightly†
<b>University Hall (East – Flats)</b>	41 weeks	•	—	\$20,746	\$1,000	\$600	Fortnightly†

\* Additional fees consist of an administration fee, refundable contingency fee, and residents' association fee.

\*\* Excluding term and semester breaks unless by arrangement with the Principal.

† Fees payable fortnightly, semesterly, or lump sum.

Residence fees for 2025 are available online in **August 2024**.

If you are an international student under 18 years of age, you must stay either in a homestay (see page 36), in a fully-catered hall of residence, or with a designated caregiver until your 18th birthday.

For more information for international students, see page 34.



**Ngā tau ki mua | Beyond first year**



# UniLodge

## Campus Houses

*Campus Houses are operated by UniLodge through a contract and pastoral care collaboration with UC.*

*UniLodge provides student accommodation in 100+ locations in Aotearoa and Australia.*

# Campus Houses

A new addition to on-campus accommodation includes 24 University-owned houses located on the perimeter of the main campus and halls of residence.



- 69 rooms
- Residential Life Assistant



- 2-5 minutes walk to campus



- single and double rooms. Some suitable for couples.
- fully furnished including single or queen beds.
- non-alcohol, and rainbow-friendly houses available
- single-gender houses may be available
- lawns and gardens taken care of by UC staff.



- self-catered—shared kitchens equipped with essentials
- shared dining/living room



- shared bathroom



- laundry
- bed linen not provided, but can be purchased



- shared living room in each house
- residential life programme on offer, supporting social, academic, and wellbeing events



- key to house and bedroom



- on and off-street parking



- heating unit in each room and living room



- 48 or 52-week contracts
- your contract is directly with UniLodge with standards and expectations as set out in the Hall's Aratohu Kainoho Resident handbook. [unilodge.com.au/student-accommodation-christchurch/campus-houses/faq](https://unilodge.com.au/student-accommodation-christchurch/campus-houses/faq)

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# UniLodge


## Ilam Student Accommodation


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# Ilam Student Accommodation


This apartment-style complex offers independent living on campus to 849 residents.


-  849 student rooms (up to 50% second year+ or returners)
- Taurima: student ratio – 1:50


-  5 minutes walk to campus


-  3 apartment types – Mānuka, Kōwhai, Hīnau
- fully-furnished rooms with single or king single beds
- non-alcohol, and rainbow-friendly apartments available
- single-gender apartments may be available


-  computer room and printer connected to UC network
- study room


-  secure bicycle storage


-  self-catered—shared kitchens equipped with essentials
- optional meal plan
- common areas cleaned weekly

-  bathroom:student ratio – Mānuka 1:6, Kōwhai 2:6, Hīnau 1:2, 1:3, 2:4, 2:5

-  Mānuka and Kōwhai – in-flat washing machine and dryer, Hīnau – on-site laundry
- bed linen not provided
- light cleaning service weekly (excluding bedrooms)

-  common room with table tennis, pool table, and SKY TV
- 100+ organised residential life events

-  swipe card access to building and key to bedroom
- 24-hour student support and emergency response
- CCTV

-  panel or ceiling heaters

-  48 or 52-week contracts
- your contract is directly with UniLodge with standards and expectations as set out in the Hall's Aratohu Kainoho | Resident handbook. [unilodge.com.au/student-accommodation-christchurch/ilam-apartments/faq](https://unilodge.com.au/student-accommodation-christchurch/ilam-apartments/faq)

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# UniLodge

## Hayashi

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# Hayashi

Hayashi's 16 townhouses are located next to UC's Kōawa Creative Technology Precinct.



- 77 student rooms including six ensuite rooms and six accessible rooms
- 3 Taurima



- 15 minutes walk to campus



- 16 two-storey townhouses including 10 couple's self-contained studios (see [page 35](#))
- fully-furnished rooms including king single or double beds
- single gender, non-alcohol, and rainbow-friendly townhouses available



- bicycle stands



- self-catered—shared kitchens equipped with essentials (personal cutlery and crockery can be purchased online)
- shared dining/living room



- shared bathrooms or limited ensuite rooms
- bathroom:student ratio – 1:2 or 2:5



- laundry
- bed linen not provided, but can be purchased
- light cleaning service weekly (excluding bedrooms)



- shared living room in each townhouse
- residential life programme on offer, supporting social, academic, and wellbeing events



- key to individual townhouse and bedroom



- radiator heating



- 48 or 52-week contracts
- your contract is directly with UniLodge with standards and expectations as set out in the Hall's Aratohu Kainoho Resident handbook. [unilodge.com.au/student-accommodation-christchurch/hayashi/faq](https://unilodge.com.au/student-accommodation-christchurch/hayashi/faq)

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# UniLodge

## Sonoda

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# Sonoda

Sonoda Christchurch Campus offers 107 rooms located in Japanese-inspired landscaped grounds next to UC's Kōawa Creative Technology Precinct.



- 107 single student rooms
- 3 Taurima



- shared bathrooms
- bathroom:student ratio – 1:5



- 15 minutes walk to campus



- laundry in each building
- bed linen not provided, but can be purchased
- bathrooms and shared areas cleaned once per fortnight



- 8 buildings of 22 5-bedroom apartments and 4 couple's self-contained flats (see [page 35](#))
- fully-furnished rooms including single beds, hand basin, and mirror
- single gender, non-alcohol, and rainbow-friendly apartments available
- meeting and event facilities
- option to flat together with your friends



- computer room and printer connected to UC network



- common room with kitchen, table tennis, pool table, SKY TV, and DVD player
- residential life programme supporting social, academic, and wellbeing events



- self-catered



- swipe card access to building and key to bedroom
- 24-hour student support and emergency response
- CCTV



- secure bicycle storage



- heated ceiling in bedroom and common areas



- 48 or 52-week contracts
- your contract is directly with UniLodge with standards and expectations as set out in the Hall's Aratohu Kainoho Resident handbook.  
[unilodge.com.au/student-accommodation-christchurch/sonoda/faq](http://unilodge.com.au/student-accommodation-christchurch/sonoda/faq)

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# How do I apply – second-year+



## How to apply

### New Student

If you are new to UC or lived in a hall of residence two or more years ago, you will need to complete an application as a **“New Student”**.

#### Step 1 – apply online

Complete an application at [canterbury.ac.nz/life/accommodation](http://canterbury.ac.nz/life/accommodation)

You will need to select two preferred halls of residence, and provide details for two emergency contacts.

#### Step 2 – provide a reference

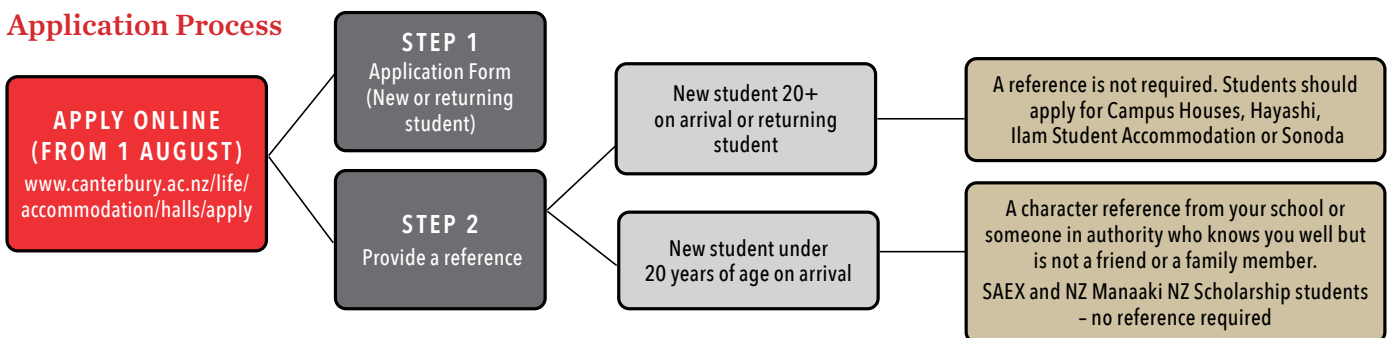
If you will be under the age of 20 on arrival, a character reference is required from someone in authority who knows you well but is not a friend or family member.

#### Returning Student

If you are currently living in a UC affiliated hall of residence, you can log in to the UC accommodation application portal and apply as a **“Returning Student”**. You can update your contact details, your level of study, course details, and add two preferred halls of residence.

Campus Houses, Hayashi, Ilam Student Accommodation, and Sonoda are the perfect solution for second year flatting. You can choose your flatmates or be placed with students with similar interests. Accommodation is fully furnished, power and internet are included, and you have the set up to cook for yourself. No flatting worries, power increases, flatmates leaving, or transport issues.

## Application Process



### KEY:

SAEX – Study Abroad Programme or Reciprocal Exchange  
 Manaaki NZ Scholarship – see [nzscholarships.govt.nz](http://nzscholarships.govt.nz)





Hayashi

Returning students are offered tours in July. Check out our website for tour details or contact the halls directly.

**Please note:** Applications for the full 2025 Academic Year will be prioritised over Semester 1 applications.

### Waitlist

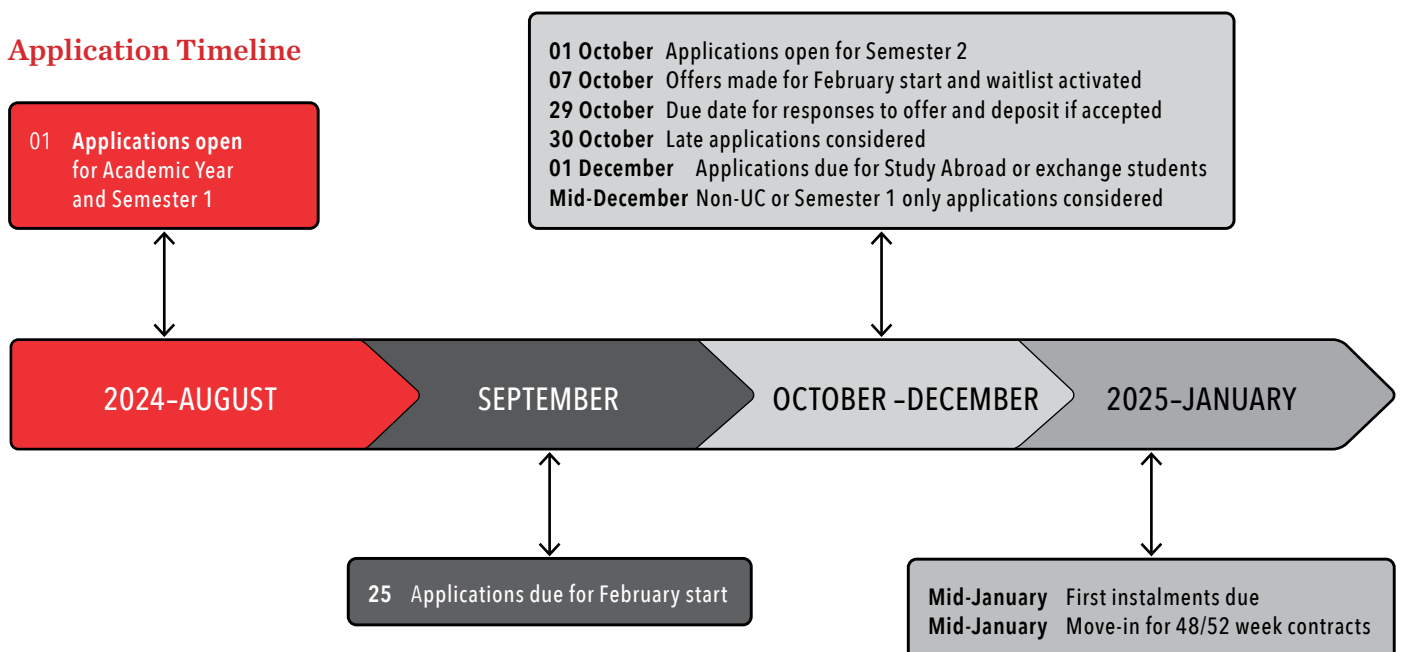
A room is not guaranteed. Any students unable to be offered a room may be offered an alternative room type or be waitlisted. The waitlist is not ranked, and any student can be offered depending on the mix of the students in the apartment/house with an available room.

### Summer Accommodation

For students studying during the UC Summer programme (**November–February**), accommodation may be available on campus.

Details will be provided in **September** at [canterbury.ac.nz/life/accommodation](https://canterbury.ac.nz/life/accommodation)

### Application Timeline



# Compare options beyond first year

## Services and suitability

Hall of Residence	Services			Suitability		
	Meals provided	Laundry included	Linen provided	Couples (page 35)	Single gender	Wheelchair accessible
<b>Campus Houses</b>	—	•	—	•	•	—
<b>Hayashi</b>	—	•	—	•	•	•
<b>Ilam Student Accommodation</b> Hīnau: 2 bedroom apartments Hīnau: 3–5 bedroom apartments Kōwhai: 6 bedroom apartments Mānuka: 6 bedroom apartments	Meal plan on site for lunch and dinner	•	—	—	May be possible	—
<b>Sonoda</b>	—	•	—	•	•	•

## Contract length and costs

Hall of Residence	Contract*			Costs in 2024 (NZ\$)				
	Contract length	One semester	Summer stay	Residential fee (power incl.)		Deposit <sup>^</sup>	Annual carparking fee	Payment frequency <sup>**</sup>
<b>Campus Houses</b> Single room Double room	48 or 52 weeks	•	—	48 \$12,000 \$12,960	52 \$12,220 \$13,208	\$800	—	Fortnightly
<b>Hayashi</b> King single room (bathroom 2:5) Double room (bathroom 2:5) King single room (bathroom 1:2) <sup>#</sup> Double room (bathroom 1:2) Double ensuite room (own bathroom)	48 or 52 weeks	•	—	48 \$13,056 \$13,632 \$13,632 \$14,160 \$14,688	52 \$13,364 \$13,936 \$13,936 \$14,456 \$15,028	\$800	—	Fortnightly
<b>Ilam Student Accommodation</b> Mānuka: 6 bedroom apartments Hīnau: 3–5 bedroom apartments Kōwhai: 6 bedroom apartments Hīnau: 2 bedroom apartments	48 or 52 weeks	•	•	48 \$8,448 \$12,384 \$13,056 \$16,512	52 \$8,632 \$12,636 \$13,312 \$16,900	\$800	\$600	Fortnightly
<b>Sonoda</b>	48 or 52 weeks	•	—	48 \$11,808	52 \$12,116	\$800	\$600	Fortnightly

\* Includes term/semester breaks.

# 6 accessible king single rooms available.

<sup>^</sup> Deposit consists of an administration fee, refundable contingency fee, and residents' association fee.

\*\* Fees payable fortnightly, semesterly, or lump sum.

### 2024 contract lengths

- 15 January–16 December (48 weeks)
- 15 January–13 January 2025 (52 weeks)



Kōwhiringa anō | Other options

# International students

International students can find a “home away from home” at one of UC’s accommodation options.

We value the diversity and knowledge that international students bring to our student community. Our support services and staff aim to make your transition to Aotearoa New Zealand life as easy as possible.

## Code of Practice

The Education (Pastoral Care of Tertiary and International Learners) Code of Practice 2021 is designed to guide institutions in their practice and to protect international students when they study in Aotearoa. UC is a signatory to the Code and is required to meet the standards set by the New Zealand government. See [page 4](#) for more information on Pastoral Care at UC.

[nzqa.govt.nz/providers-partners/tertiary-and-international-learners-code](https://nzqa.govt.nz/providers-partners/tertiary-and-international-learners-code)

[canterbury.ac.nz/life/support-and-wellbeing/raise-a-concern/concerns-and-complaints-guide/education-code-of-practice](https://canterbury.ac.nz/life/support-and-wellbeing/raise-a-concern/concerns-and-complaints-guide/education-code-of-practice)

## Arrange accommodation early

To make your time at UC as stress-free as possible, we recommend that you arrange accommodation as soon as you have accepted your offer to study at UC.

## Students under 18

If you are an international student under 18 years of age on arrival, you must stay in a UC approved homestay (see [page 36](#)), in a fully-catered, UC affiliated hall of residence, or with a designated caregiver until your 18th birthday.

[canterbury.ac.nz/study/getting-started/admission-and-enrolment/enrol-international-student](https://canterbury.ac.nz/study/getting-started/admission-and-enrolment/enrol-international-student)



## UC International College (UCIC)

We recommend Ilam Student Accommodation ([page 10](#)) for UCIC students. Accommodation options are in a Hīnau or Kōwhai apartment on a 41-week contract.

Accommodation over the summer (**November–February**) can be arranged directly with the hall. Details will be provided in **September** at [canterbury.ac.nz/life/accommodation](https://canterbury.ac.nz/life/accommodation)

Alternatively, students can apply for homestay. Students under 18 years of age on arrival must apply for homestay (see [page 36](#)).

[canterbury.ac.nz/life/accommodation/international-student-accommodation/accommodation-for-ucic-students](https://canterbury.ac.nz/life/accommodation/international-student-accommodation/accommodation-for-ucic-students)

## Exchange students

Students visiting through Study Abroad or other exchange programme are guaranteed a room in a Campus House, Hayashi, Ilam Student Accommodation, or Sonoda.

Applications are due **1 December** for Semester 1, or **1 May 2025** for Semester 2.

[canterbury.ac.nz/life/accommodation/international-student-accommodation/accommodation-exchanges](https://canterbury.ac.nz/life/accommodation/international-student-accommodation/accommodation-exchanges)

## Arrival in Ōtautahi Christchurch

Be sure that you have accommodation booked for when you first arrive in Christchurch – a hall of residence, homestay, temporary accommodation, or other arrangement. Check our website for information on arranging transport to your accommodation.

[canterbury.ac.nz/life/accommodation/international-student-accommodation](https://canterbury.ac.nz/life/accommodation/international-student-accommodation)

## Supportive community

UC is committed to ensuring our international students are well supported to be successful in their studies. From student mentors to one-to-one counselling, we will be alongside you every step of the way.

[canterbury.ac.nz/support](https://canterbury.ac.nz/support)

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# Couples and families



## UC has options for couples or families with a young child.

Self-contained studios or one bedroom units are offered at Hayashi, Kirkwood Flats, Sonoda, and University Hall. Please note these options are located within existing residential facilities with the exception of six 1-bedroom flats on Kirkwood Avenue.

Students with larger families will need to rent privately on arrival (see [page 37](#)). Please ensure you book childcare early, if required, as places are limited.

All units are for 52-week contracts.

### How do I apply?

Complete an application at [canterbury.ac.nz/life/accommodation/halls/apply](https://canterbury.ac.nz/life/accommodation/halls/apply)

Select your arrival level of study as a couple/family and the term “**Couples/ Family Accommodation**”. You will be asked to select a room type rather than a location as accommodation is limited.

For private renting options, please refer to the Accommodation Services website.

Couples and family accommodation	Residential Fee (2024)	Deposit*
<b>Hayashi</b> (Couples only) Studio unit×10	\$18,928	\$800
<b>Kirkwood Flats</b> (Couples) Studio unit×2 1-bedroom unit×2 1-bedroom flat×6 (can accommodate a young child)	\$16,172 \$16,796 \$15,964 + power charged monthly	\$600 \$600 \$600
<b>Sonoda</b> (Couples only) 1-bedroom units×4	\$21,424	\$800
<b>University Hall</b> (Couples only) 1-bedroom unit×3	\$20,644	\$600

\* The deposit consists of a \$300 administration fee, \$200 residential life fee (Hayashi/Sonoda only), and \$300 refundable contingency fee.

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[canterbury.ac.nz/life/accommodation/couples-and-families-accommodation](https://canterbury.ac.nz/life/accommodation/couples-and-families-accommodation)

# Homestay/Private board



Homestay offers safe, affordable, and comfortable accommodation with welcoming hosts who support students to become familiar with the local culture, language, climate, and lifestyle.

Host families undergo an inspection, interview, and background check to ensure they are suitable to host UC students and are compliant with the Education (Pastoral Care of Tertiary and International Learners) Code of Practice 2021.

UC has two contracted homestay providers to manage the homestay and placement process for students. At least two weeks' notice is required to make a placement.

International Student Care	Weekly
Full Board	NZ\$300
One-off Placement Fee	NZ\$375

New Zealand Homestay	Weekly
Full Board (under 18)	NZ\$350
Half Board (under 18)	NZ\$320
Full Board (over 18)	NZ\$320
Half Board (over 18)	NZ\$290
One-off Placement Fee (under 18)	NZ\$350
One-off Placement Fee (over 18)	NZ\$300

Full Board – 3 meals a day, 7 days a week  
 Half Board – 2 meals Monday-Friday,  
 3 meals Saturday and Sunday

## International students under 18

We recommend all international students under the age of 18 on arrival apply for UC-approved homestay accommodation.

The Education (Pastoral Care of Tertiary and International Learners) Code of Practice 2021 is designed to guide institutions in their practice, and to protect international students when they study in Aotearoa. UC is a signatory to the Code and is required to meet the standards set by the Aotearoa government. See **pages 4 and 34**.

[nzqa.govt.nz/providers-partners/tertiary-and-international-learners-code](https://nzqa.govt.nz/providers-partners/tertiary-and-international-learners-code)

[canterbury.ac.nz/life/support-and-wellbeing/raise-a-concern/concerns-and-complaints-guide/education-code-of-practice](https://canterbury.ac.nz/life/support-and-wellbeing/raise-a-concern/concerns-and-complaints-guide/education-code-of-practice)

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# Renting privately



## Flatting is a great option for students seeking more independence.

After your first year of study, you can return to a hall of residence, live on campus in a self-catered apartment (pages 26–29), or move into private rental accommodation.

### How to find a property

Located in the suburb of Ilam, UC is close to adjoining suburbs such as Addington, Avonhead, Bryndwr, Burnside, Fendalton, Riccarton, and Upper Riccarton.

Many other suburbs within Ōtautahi Christchurch have direct bus routes to campus. See [metroinfo.co.nz](http://metroinfo.co.nz) for bus maps and timetables.

Useful resources for finding a room or property includes:

- **UC Guide to Flatting**  
Covers a range of useful topics for students new to flatting
- **Studentpad**  
Visit Studentpad to search for a room, property, or connect with students on the Message Board

[canterbury.ac.nz/life/accommodation/flatting-in-private-rentals](http://canterbury.ac.nz/life/accommodation/flatting-in-private-rentals)

### Costs

Rent can range from \$450 per week for a two-bedroom house to \$1,221 per week for a five plus-bedroom house.\*

You will need to budget for set-up costs (including up to four weeks' rent as bond, one or two weeks' rent in advance, power and internet) plus weekly ongoing costs, contents and liability insurance, and personal expenses.

\*Source: [tenancy.govt.nz](http://tenancy.govt.nz)

### Before you rent

Before signing a Residential Tenancy Agreement make sure you visit the property, undertake an inspection with your landlord, and view an insulation statement.

Useful resources provided by Tenancy Services to help you are:

- A New Tenant's Checklist
- Renting and You

To give yourself time to find a place, you should arrange temporary accommodation for at least two weeks when you first arrive in Ōtautahi Christchurch.

[canterbury.ac.nz/life/accommodation/temporary-accommodation](http://canterbury.ac.nz/life/accommodation/temporary-accommodation)

### Healthy homes standards

The healthy homes standards introduce specific and minimum standards for heating, insulation, ventilation, moisture and drainage, and draught stopping in rental properties.

If you are not sure if your rental property complies with the standards, see [tenancy.govt.nz/healthy-homes](http://tenancy.govt.nz/healthy-homes)

### Rights and responsibilities

Renting comes with rights and responsibilities. For information and advice, you can contact Te Ratonga Nohonga Accommodation Services or Tenancy Services, see [tenancy.govt.nz](http://tenancy.govt.nz)

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# How can I finance my stay?

UC offers scholarships and other financial assistance to help pay for your accommodation.

## Scholarships

For further information on scholarships, search “UC Scholarships” on our website.

### Helen Macmillan Brown bursaries

Up to six \$2,500 bursaries exist for female students who reside or intend to reside in a UC-affiliated hall of residence for the duration of the bursary (1 year). Applications due **15 August**.

[canterbury.ac.nz/study/getting-started/scholarships](https://canterbury.ac.nz/study/getting-started/scholarships)

### Hall-specific scholarships

Arcady Hall, College House, and Rochester and Rutherford Hall all offer scholarships. A scholarship could be for a student applying for accommodation or a resident living on site. For further information, please view each hall’s website. Applications are made directly to the hall.

[canterbury.ac.nz/life/accommodation/halls-of-residence](https://canterbury.ac.nz/life/accommodation/halls-of-residence)

### Other scholarships

There may be further scholarships available through agencies such as:

- [generosity.org.nz/giv-me](https://generosity.org.nz/giv-me)
- [teachnz.govt.nz/studying-to-be-a-teacher/scholarships](https://teachnz.govt.nz/studying-to-be-a-teacher/scholarships)
- [universitiesnz.ac.nz/scholarships](https://universitiesnz.ac.nz/scholarships)
- [careers.govt.nz](https://careers.govt.nz)
- [moneyhub.co.nz](https://moneyhub.co.nz)
- Manaaki Scholarship (offered by NZ Government for students from eligible countries) [nzscholarships.govt.nz](https://nzscholarships.govt.nz).

Check with your school, careers advisor, or agent.



## Hoto Akoranga | Study Link

If you are a citizen of Aotearoa or have been living in New Zealand with a residence class visa for three years, you may be eligible for a Student Loan to help pay for your compulsory course fees, course-related costs, living costs; or a Student Allowance to help pay for your living costs.

[studylink.govt.nz](https://studylink.govt.nz)

A Student Loan or Allowance will not cover all your accommodation costs. For halls of residence, you will be required to pay your deposit and first instalment from your own savings. If you are an international student, you will not be eligible.

## UCSA advocacy and welfare

The UCSA Advocacy and Welfare Team is a free confidential service by a team of passionate and dedicated people who are committed to student wellbeing, supporting academic progress, and the student experience. Services provided include advocacy, budget planning, Foodbank, Hardship Grants, Medical Prescription Grant, and a subsidised dental service.

[ucsa.org.nz/support](https://ucsa.org.nz/support)

## Insurance

It is your responsibility to arrange contents insurance for your personal possessions, and to protect you from liability while you are living and studying away from home. Shop around and get quotes:

[moneyhub.co.nz/contents-insurance.html](https://moneyhub.co.nz/contents-insurance.html)

International students must also have medical and travel insurance that meets minimum requirements for the duration of study. Studentsafe University Insurance is UC’s default insurance provider.

[canterbury.ac.nz/study/getting-started/study-and-living-costs/insurance-for-international-students](https://canterbury.ac.nz/study/getting-started/study-and-living-costs/insurance-for-international-students)

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[canterbury.ac.nz/study/getting-started/scholarships](https://canterbury.ac.nz/study/getting-started/scholarships)



# Whakapā mai | Contact us

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Freephone in NZ: 0800 VARSITY (827 748)  
E: AskUC Chat is available between  
8am–5.15pm Monday–Friday  
(except NZ public holidays).  
[canterbury.ac.nz](http://canterbury.ac.nz)

## Te Ratonga Nohonga | Accommodation [canterbury.ac.nz/life/accommodation](http://canterbury.ac.nz/life/accommodation)

## Te Kaupeka Toi Tangata | Faculty of Arts [canterbury.ac.nz/arts](http://canterbury.ac.nz/arts)

## Te Kura Umanga | UC Business School [canterbury.ac.nz/business](http://canterbury.ac.nz/business)

## Te Kaupeka Ako | Faculty of Education [canterbury.ac.nz/education](http://canterbury.ac.nz/education)

## Te Kaupeka Pūhanga | Faculty of Engineering [canterbury.ac.nz/engineering](http://canterbury.ac.nz/engineering)

## Te Kaupeka Oranga | Faculty of Health [canterbury.ac.nz/health](http://canterbury.ac.nz/health)

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## Te Kaupeka Pūtaiao | Faculty of Science [canterbury.ac.nz/science](http://canterbury.ac.nz/science)



Our wellbeing hub has all the information you need, in one place:  
[canterbury.ac.nz/life/support-and-wellbeing](http://canterbury.ac.nz/life/support-and-wellbeing)

## Useful UC links

**Ākonga Māori**  
[canterbury.ac.nz/communities/akonga-maori-students](http://canterbury.ac.nz/communities/akonga-maori-students)

**UCSA Advocacy and Welfare Team**  
[ucsa.org.nz/support](http://ucsa.org.nz/support)

**Te Rōpū Rapuara | UC Careers**  
[canterbury.ac.nz/careers](http://canterbury.ac.nz/careers)

**UC Chaplains**  
[canterbury.ac.nz/life/support-and-wellbeing/uc-support-services/chaplains](http://canterbury.ac.nz/life/support-and-wellbeing/uc-support-services/chaplains)

**Clubs and Societies**  
[canterbury.ac.nz/life/communities-and-clubs](http://canterbury.ac.nz/life/communities-and-clubs)

**Code of Practice**  
[canterbury.ac.nz/life/support-and-wellbeing/raise-a-concern/concerns-and-complaints-guide/education-code-of-practice](http://canterbury.ac.nz/life/support-and-wellbeing/raise-a-concern/concerns-and-complaints-guide/education-code-of-practice)

**Enrol**  
[canterbury.ac.nz/enrol](http://canterbury.ac.nz/enrol)

**Fees**  
[canterbury.ac.nz/study/getting-started/study-and-living-costs/study-costs](http://canterbury.ac.nz/study/getting-started/study-and-living-costs/study-costs)

**Future Students**  
[canterbury.ac.nz/study/getting-started/future-students-office](http://canterbury.ac.nz/study/getting-started/future-students-office)

**Whare Hauora | UC Health Centre**  
[canterbury.ac.nz/healthcentre](http://canterbury.ac.nz/healthcentre)

**Pacific Development Team**  
[canterbury.ac.nz/communities/pacific-students](http://canterbury.ac.nz/communities/pacific-students)

**Rainbow Support**  
[canterbury.ac.nz/communities/rainbow-community](http://canterbury.ac.nz/communities/rainbow-community)

**Karahipi | Scholarships**  
[canterbury.ac.nz/study/getting-started/scholarships](http://canterbury.ac.nz/study/getting-started/scholarships)

**Ratonga Whaikaha  
Student Accessibility Service**  
[canterbury.ac.nz/life/accessibility](http://canterbury.ac.nz/life/accessibility)

**Atawhai Ākonga | Student Care**  
[canterbury.ac.nz/life/support-and-wellbeing/need-to-talk](http://canterbury.ac.nz/life/support-and-wellbeing/need-to-talk)

**Te Pātaka | Student Services Hub**  
[canterbury.ac.nz/support/te-pataka](http://canterbury.ac.nz/support/te-pataka)


## UC social media


 [facebook.com/universitycanterbury](https://facebook.com/universitycanterbury)

 [instagram.com/ucnz](https://instagram.com/ucnz)

 [twitter.com/ucnz](https://twitter.com/ucnz)

 [snapchat.com/add/ucnz](https://snapchat.com/add/ucnz)

 [youtube.com/UniversityCanterbury](https://youtube.com/UniversityCanterbury)

 [linkedin.com/school/university-of-canterbury](https://linkedin.com/school/university-of-canterbury)

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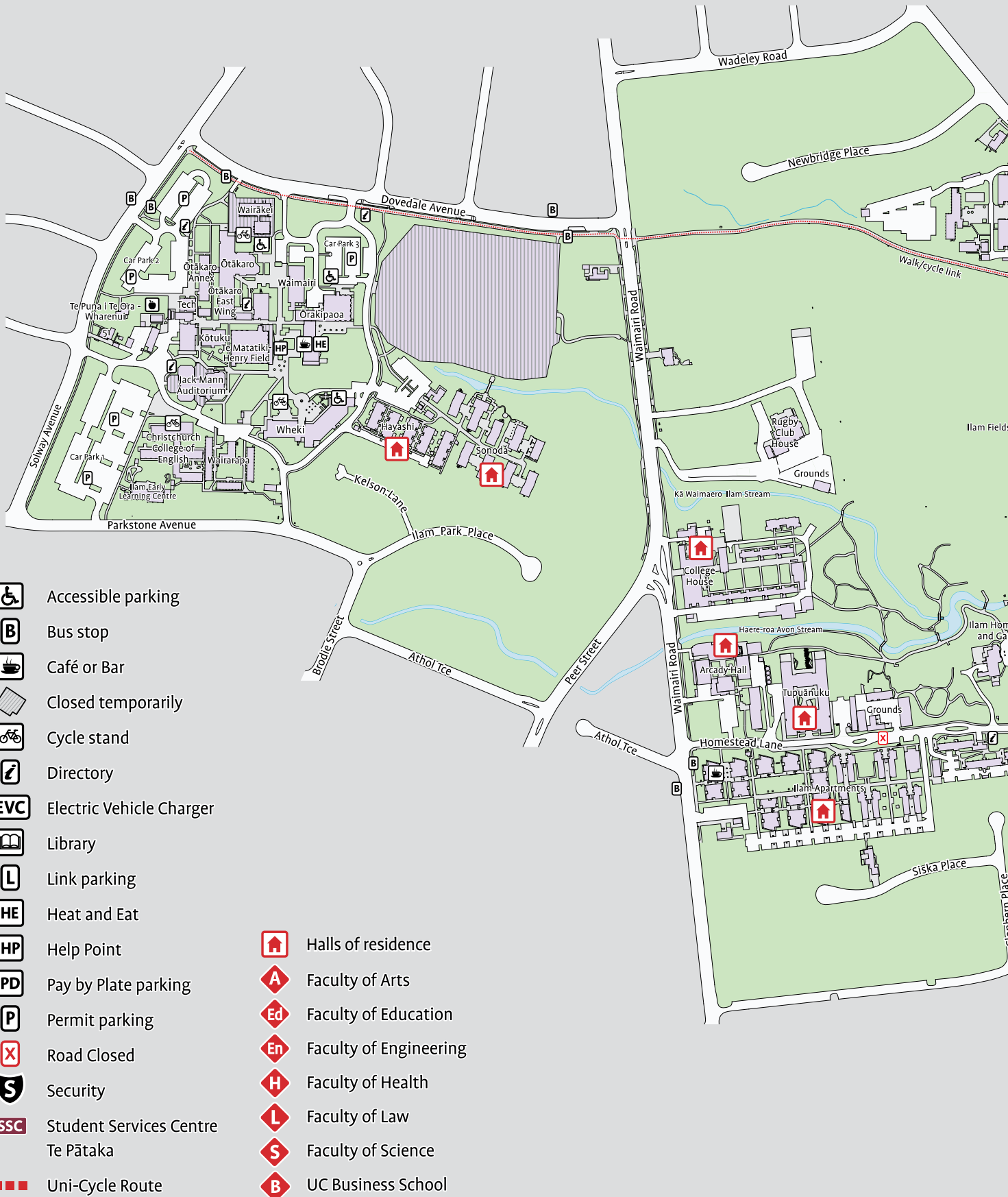


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