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About ARTS 295 Internship
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The course also includes a significant academic component, with interns working under the supervision of a specialist lecturer within the College of Arts and earning credit for the course. The course is worth 15 UC points (60 points is a standard semester load) and can be taken alongside other UC courses. A 30 point internship course, ARTS 395, is also available, which requires around 150 hours internship and is also supported by academic study.

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Past ARTS 295 internship projects include:
• presenting and co-producing on local radio
• documenting local oral histories
• social media analysts
• analysing Navy-Civilian relations
• teaching Youth Global Responsibility
• digital humanities
• heritage preservation
• community research and analysis
• media and communications for major national companies
• organising national charity events
• researching for local government and many more. For a taste of other past projects, check out the website at www.arts.canterbury.ac.nz/internships/

Get on board
Information on the various projects and the application and selection process is available on the internships website. In the first instance, you are welcome to liaise with the Internships Co-ordinator (artsinternships@canterbury.ac.nz) regarding possible projects which might suit your area of interest.

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Welcome to New Zealand! As a University of Canterbury Study Abroad student you’ll have the chance to experience all that New Zealand has to offer, from breathtaking landscapes to vibrant cities and unlimited outdoor adventure.

Five great reasons to study in New Zealand:

1. Established in 1873 by scholars of Oxford and Cambridge Universities and ranked in the world’s top 225 universities (QS 2012/13), the University of Canterbury offers world recognised academic programmes and facilities, including the most extensive network of field stations of any New Zealand university. Over 100 different programmes are offered across five Colleges (Arts, Business and Law, Education, Engineering and Science). Whatever your academic interests, UC has a broad selection of courses to choose from.

2. A spectacular natural environment – New Zealand has awesome landscapes and mountains, lush forests and unique wildlife. Kiwis (New Zealanders) love to get out and enjoy the amazing setting in which they live and you’ll be able to make the most of a unique natural environment where you can go whale watching one day and snowboarding the next.

3. Challenge yourself – The South Island is known as the adventure capital of the world. If you love an adrenaline rush, you’ll find plenty of thrill-seeking activities on offer, including bungy jumping, white water rafting, jet boating and skiing. The sky’s the limit!

4. A multicultural and dynamic society – As a melting pot of culinary tastes, fashions and lifestyles from around the Pacific Rim, New Zealand has an identity all its own. You’ll be able to discover the rich culture of the Māori (New Zealand’s indigenous population) and explore New Zealand film, arts and fashion. English is the everyday language of New Zealand and Kiwis are known as a nation of laid-back and friendly people.

5. Climate – a temperate climate with relatively small seasonal variation makes New Zealand an ideal Study Abroad destination and a great place to explore throughout the year.

Facts and figures:

New Zealand

- Location: South Pacific Ocean, southeast of Australia.
- Size: 268,680 sq km, similar in size to Great Britain and Japan.
- Capital city: Wellington.
- Population: 4 million, about 80% of people live in cities.
- Ethnic groups:
  - New Zealand European 74.5%
  - Māori 9.7%
  - Other European 4.6%
  - Pacific Islander 3.8%
  - Asian and others 7.4%
- Language: English is the everyday language. Māori and New Zealand Sign Language are also official languages.
- Climate: Temperate
  - Summer (Dec-Feb) 20°C – 30°C
  - Winter (Jun-Aug) 10°C – 15°C