

# Academic Policies

This section is presented for guidance only; the full and formal wording of all academic policies may be obtained from the University of Canterbury Policy Library ([www.canterbury.ac.nz/ucpolicy](http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/ucpolicy)). Students and staff should check the website regularly for updates.

## Academic Appeals and Grievances: Principles and Procedures

The University endeavours to provide a safe, harmonious and productive environment for its students and staff. The University seeks to achieve this by complying with the law; internal regulations, policies and procedures; and by ensuring there is a process through which students may raise concerns and have academic appeals and grievances considered.

For further details and a copy of this policy, see "Academic Appeals and Grievances: Principles and Procedures" in the UC Policy Library, [www.canterbury.ac.nz/ucpolicy](http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/ucpolicy)

## Academic Integrity: Guidance for Staff and Students

This document is intended as a guide for Heads of Department/School, academic staff and students and should be read in conjunction with the Discipline Regulations.

For further details and a copy of this policy, see "Academic Integrity: Guidance for Staff and Students" in the UC Policy Library, [www.canterbury.ac.nz/ucpolicy](http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/ucpolicy)

## Assessed Work in Maori Policy

Recognising that Maori is an official language of New Zealand, the University provides for students who may wish to use the Maori language in assessment. A student may present work for assessment in te reo Maori, except in courses where the use of a specified language (including English) is necessary.

For further details and a copy of this policy, see "Assessed Work in Maori Policy" in the UC Policy Library, [www.canterbury.ac.nz/ucpolicy](http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/ucpolicy)

## Assessment Policy: Principles and Guidelines

Assessment at the University of Canterbury is guided by the principles of validity and reliability, fairness and manageability, relevance and transparency. Staff at the University of Canterbury must be cognisant of these principles when they plan, implement and review assessment tasks and assessment processes.

For further details and a copy of this policy, see "Assessment Policy: Principles and Guidelines" in the UC Policy Library, [www.canterbury.ac.nz/ucpolicy](http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/ucpolicy) the principles for transfer of credit published by the "Universities New Zealand: Committee on University Academic Programmes Functions and Procedures (2011-2012)". In particular, it is committed to facilitating access and creating new study opportunities without undermining the quality of University of Canterbury qualifications. International students and/or students attending overseas institutions are subject to ad eundem

statum procedures, outlined elsewhere in the University of Canterbury Calendar. It is also the case that this policy focuses on credit transfer at undergraduate level. At postgraduate level, credit for prior learning is normally considered on a case-by-case basis alongside issues like availability of a supervisor and other resources.

More information on "Credit Transfer for Students from New Zealand Institutions: Guiding Principles", is available in the UC Policy Library, [www.canterbury.ac.nz/ucpolicy](http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/ucpolicy)

## Examinations or Tests: Cancellation or Disruption

These guidelines are to be followed when an examination or test has been cancelled or disrupted for reasons beyond the control of the students sitting the examination or test (for example weather, fire, earthquake).

More information on "Examinations or Tests: Cancellation or Disruption", is available in the UC Policy Library, [www.canterbury.ac.nz/ucpolicy](http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/ucpolicy)

## Missing of Assessment Due to Sport/Cultural Activities

This policy provides guidance for Departments/Schools in situations where students miss tests or other assessment deadlines due to involvement in representative sport or cultural groups.

For further details and a copy of this policy, see the UC Policy Library, [www.canterbury.ac.nz/ucpolicy](http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/ucpolicy), under "Missing of Tests and Other Assessment Deadlines Resulting from Involvement in Representative Sport or Cultural Groups".