

2020 STAR at UC

PŪAO ki UC

Distance courses for secondary school students



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Distance  
courses

*Front cover te reo translation — Pūao means 'to dawn', reflecting that the students coming to UC from their secondary schools are at the dawn of their tertiary education journey.*

*Front cover image: Jasmine Dodemaide completed the STAR course SPCO 101 Introduction to Sport Coaching in 2017, while she was a student at John Paul II High School, Greymouth. Jasmine is now studying towards a Bachelor of Sport Coaching.*

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# STAR at UC for secondary school students



The University of Canterbury's STAR Programme is an extension and transition programme for keen and capable secondary school students.

## What is the STAR programme?

At Te Whare Wānanga o Waitaha | University of Canterbury (UC), secondary school students from anywhere in Aotearoa New Zealand can become STAR students, and enrol in first-year degree-level courses while they are in Year 12 or 13.

Once the student achieves University Entrance, they can credit courses they have successfully completed towards a relevant degree at UC, and usually at other universities too.

In 2019, there were 96 secondary schools that took advantage of the programme at UC.

## Why be a part of STAR at UC?

The STAR programme offers high-achieving secondary school students:

- a stimulating challenge while they are studying towards University Entrance
- the chance to make a headstart on their tertiary studies
- confidence they have what it takes to succeed at university.

## Who can enrol?

Secondary school students in Aotearoa New Zealand, including international and adult students, from:

- state schools
- independent or integrated schools
- home schools.

## What does a STAR course involve?

Most of the UC courses that are open to STAR distance students, run over one semester (four months). Most students would have a workload of around eight hours a week on average, which can include time spent reading the online course materials, working on assignments, and preparing for and sitting an exam.

ECON 199 and ECON 105 are 15-point courses run over the whole year (Feb–Nov) and have a workload of around four hours a week on average.

## What are the entry criteria?

It is up to schools to identify and approve suitable students, primarily in Years 12 and 13. It is expected that all STAR students will have met the literacy and numeracy requirements of University Entrance.

Some courses have further prerequisites or guidelines. See the course information on the STAR Programme website: [www.canterbury.ac.nz/get-started/transition/star-programme/selected-courses-most-suitable-for-star-students](http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/get-started/transition/star-programme/selected-courses-most-suitable-for-star-students)

## How to enrol

STAR students should enrol online: [www.canterbury.ac.nz/star](http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/star)

Application closing dates are:

- 7 February 2020 — for Semester 1 or Whole Year courses
- 26 June 2020 — for Semester 2 courses.

## Come and take a look

UC Open Day | Rā Tōmene  
Thursday 9 July 2020

If you are considering starting university degree studies at UC, nothing can compare to actually setting foot on campus and getting a feel for the learning, social, and living environment in Waitaha Canterbury.

[www.canterbury.ac.nz/openday](http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/openday)

## Campus tours

An individual or group can easily book online for a campus tour at any time.

[www.canterbury.ac.nz/events/tours-and-events](http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/events/tours-and-events)

# 2020 distance courses

Detailed course information can be found on the STAR Programme website: [www.canterbury.ac.nz/star](http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/star)  
The course information below is correct as at October 2019, but is subject to change.

Subject	Course Code	Course Title	Points	Semester	Start	Finish	Fees
Antarctic Studies	ANTA 101	Antarctica	15	SU2 (Nov 19)	11/11/19	22/12/19	\$550
Classics	CLAS 120	People, Places and Histories of the Graeco-Roman World	15	S1	17/02/20	21/06/20	\$550
	CLAS 122	Myth, Power and Histories of the Graeco-Roman World	15	S2	13/07/20	08/11/20	\$550
	CLAS 144	Beginners' Latin A	15	S1	17/02/20	21/06/20	\$550
	CLAS 145	Beginners' Latin B	15	S2	13/07/20	08/11/20	\$550
Communication Disorders	CMDS 161	Anatomy and Physiology of the Speech, Hearing and Swallowing Mechanism	15	SU2 (Nov 19)	11/11/19	09/2/20	\$550
Economics	ECON 105	Introduction to Macroeconomics	15	X	24/02/20	29/11/20	\$550
	ECON 199	Introduction to Microeconomics	15	X	24/02/20	29/11/20	\$550
Education	EDUC 101	Spark! How and What People Learn	15	SU1 (Jan 20)	06/01/20	09/02/20	\$550
				S2	13/07/20	8/11/20	\$550
	EDUC 102	Child and Adolescent Development	15	S1	17/02/20	21/06/20	\$550
	EDUC 103	Education, Culture and Society	15	S2	13/07/20	08/11/20	\$550
European and European Union Studies	EURA 101	Global Europe	15	S1	17/02/20	21/06/20	\$550
Health Sciences	HLTH 101	Introduction to Health Studies	15	S1	17/02/20	21/06/20	\$550
Human Services	HSRV 103	Violence in Society	15	S2	13/07/20	08/11/20	\$550
Linguistics	LING 102	Language and Society in New Zealand and Beyond	15	S2	13/07/20	08/11/20	\$550

S1 = Semester One; S2 = Semester Two; W = Whole Year; X = Non-semester based;  
SU2 (Nov 19) = Summer (November 2019 start); SU1 (Jan 20) = Summer (January 2020 start)



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Māori and Indigenous Studies	MAOR 107	Aotearoa: Introduction to Traditional Māori Society	15	S1	17/02/20	21/06/20	\$550
	MAOR 108	Aotearoa: Introduction to New Zealand Treaty Society	15	S2	13/07/20	08/11/20	\$550
Mathematics	MATH 199	AIMS – Advancing in Mathematical Sciences	30	W	17/02/20	08/11/20	\$1,100*
Media and Communication	COMS 102	Introduction to News and Journalism	15	S2	13/07/20	08/11/20	\$550
Philosophy	PHIL 110	Science: Good, Bad, and Bogus	15	S1	17/02/20	21/06/20	\$550
	PHIL 139	Ethics, Politics and Justice	15	S2	13/07/20	08/11/20	\$550
Political Science and International Relations	POLS 102	Politics: An Introduction	15	S1	17/02/20	21/06/20	\$550
Russian	RUSS 130	Elementary Russian Language A	15	S1	17/02/20	21/06/20	\$550
	RUSS 131	Elementary Russian Language B	15	S2	13/07/20	18/11/20	\$550
Sport Coaching	SPCO 101	Introduction to Sport Coaching	15	S1	17/02/20	21/06/20	\$550
	SPCO 102	Theoretical Foundations of Coaching and Teaching	15	S2	13/07/20	08/11/20	\$550
	SPCO 103	Sport Psychology 1	15	S2	13/07/20	08/11/20	\$550
	SPCO 104	Anatomy and Physiology	15	S2	13/07/20	08/11/20	\$550
	SPCO 105	Social History of Sport and Physical Education	15	S1	17/02/20	21/06/20	\$550

\* The tuition fees for MATH 199 are covered by the College of Engineering. Schools will not be invoiced for this course.

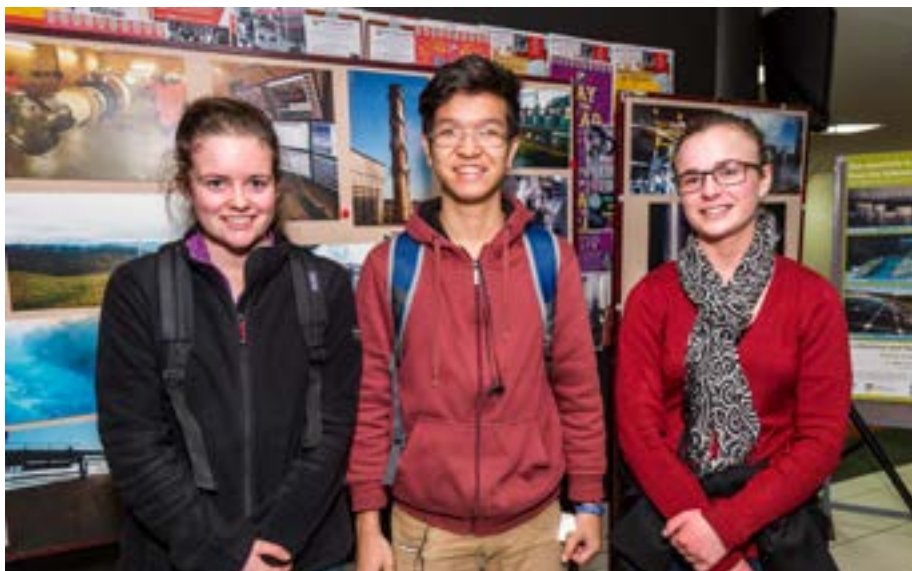


‘MATH 199 has been a great extension for our boys and I’ve always found UC’s communication and assistance to be of great help to us. UC’s efforts have definitely been of assistance in developing the programme we now have in place for our top mathematicians.’

**Marek Brewster**  
 Mathematics Teacher  
 King’s High School, Ōtepoti Dunedin

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# Course examples



## Delivery of distance courses

Students will have the opportunity to experience what UC is like from the comfort of their home town, without the need to come to campus.

Each distance course has a dedicated course website on *Learn*, UC's online learning management system.

Ōtautahi Christchurch-based students who are enrolled in a distance course can complete the course online (although they will need to sit any final exams or formal tests on the UC campus).

Alternative exam/test arrangements will be made for students outside the Ōtautahi area, at a location closer to home.

## Course examples

### ECON 199

#### Introduction to Microeconomics

This STAR course focuses on preparing students for the Economics NZQA Scholarship Exam while still earning credit for the first-year UC Microeconomics course (one of the required first-year courses at UC).

This course closely follows the NCEA Level 3 microeconomics curriculum through lectures that are more in depth, increasing understanding. It is taught by distance over the whole year, so has a lighter weekly workload than other STAR courses.

There will be periodic online quizzes to keep students on track, as well as a supervised term test and final exam.

### MATH 199

#### AIMS — Advancing in Mathematical Sciences

This is a two-semester programme covering calculus and linear algebra for secondary school students who excel in mathematics. It is aligned with our first-year courses MATH 102 in Semester 1, and MATH 103 in Semester 2.

MATH 199 is a kick-start into qualification subjects such as Mathematics and Statistics, Engineering, Physics, Computer Science, and Financial Engineering.

It has a dedicated *Learn* website with comprehensive resources structured on a week-by-week basis. Although the primary source for content is online, weekly tutorial classes will be held using Adobe Connect. The assessment consists of quizzes, assignments, tests, and tutorials. Students are encouraged to attend a two-day mid-year workshop at the UC campus, which is followed by UC Open Day.

### PHIL 110

#### Science: Good, Bad, and Bogus

This Philosophy course is a critical thinker's toolkit. It will teach students 20 principles they can use to tell science from pseudo-science, truth from falsehood, logic from rhetoric, sound reasoning from wishful thinking, effective medicine from quackery, and good evidence from lies, fraud, and fakery. Videos of all lectures are available online. All assessment is submitted online, and consists of weekly assessment tasks, and two essays.

**‘STAR provided a springboard into higher-level study in microeconomics at UC, which introduced me to new and interesting economic ideas. Getting a headstart on my degree also gave me more freedom to take elective courses from Computer Science and Statistics, which have been beneficial throughout my studies.’**

### Ben Davies

Ben completed the STAR course ECON 199 Introduction to Microeconomics by distance in 2014 while he was a student at Wellington College. Ben completed a Bachelor of Science with Honours at UC in 2017.

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# Useful dates for future UC students

## 2020 dates for starting university degree studies at UC in 2021

May	2020 UC Undergraduate Prospectus and Introduction to Colleges brochures available
May–June	UC Information Evenings by region
9 July	UC Open Day   Rā Tōmene
1 August	Applications for accommodation open
15 August	Some UC scholarship applications due
September	2020 UC Guide to Enrolment available
20 September	Special applications close for Bachelor of Music – Performance
October	Applications to Enrol open
15 November	Special applications close for Bachelor of Fine Arts – Intermediate Year
December	Applications to Enrol due for first-year domestic students
31 January 2021	Special applications close for Bachelor of Music – New Music (Composition)



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‘The STAR courses were a great introduction to university life, both in developing independent study, and making friends for my first year at UC. By completing a STAR course I was able to extend the range of first-year papers I completed. This led me to potential areas of interest that I wouldn’t otherwise have had the opportunity to explore, and helped determine my career path.’

### Gerard Chesterman

Gerard completed the STAR course MATH 199 AIMS - Advancing in Mathematical Science by distance in 2016 while he was a student at Lindisfarne College. Gerard is now studying towards a Bachelor of Engineering with Honours in Mechanical Engineering at UC.

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