

The Global Education and Research Center for Bio-environmental Chemistry is offering an intensive course in English for Specific Purposes (ESP) during October 2010. The course will relate to English as used in chemistry and biochemistry, and be taught on our behalf by the University of Canterbury, in Christchurch, New Zealand.

The course will last a full month, and all course-related costs (e.g. airfares, insurance, and accommodation) will be covered by the GCOE.

The course will be limited to *six* students. Places will be offered based on students' achievement scores during the first semester's Bioinorganic Chemistry ESP e-Learning course.

The course will focus on English as used by scientists, and include extensive interaction with students and faculty members from Canterbury's Chemistry and Biological Sciences departments.



Science Department buildings,
University of Canterbury

The University of Canterbury has an attractive campus in Christchurch, New Zealand. Christchurch is known as "the garden city", and October is spring time, so the flowers should be out in full-bloom: mean temperatures for October: 7 degrees (min.) to 17 degrees (max.). New Zealand spring weather is very changeable, so bring a coat.

Not all classes will be held on campus. The University has a network of field laboratories that we will be able to take advantage of.

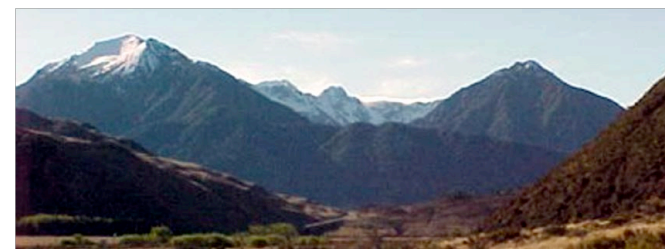


University of Canterbury Field Station, Kaikoura



Kaikoura peninsula and mountains behind

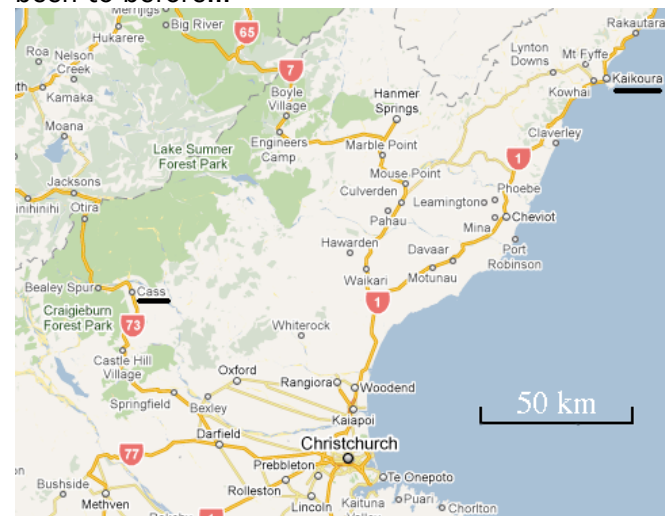
The small town of Kaikoura is famous for its whale-watching and rock lobster. We intend to spend two nights at the Kaikoura field station, which is right by the water. Spectacular coastal scenery guaranteed: the mountains at Kaikoura can be seen from hills of Christchurch, even though they are over 150 km away.



The mountain field laboratory at Cass (view above, and see the yellow dot, below) is even more remote. Be sure to bring some walking shoes!



We intend to spend two nights out in the wilderness here, in a classroom like you've never been to before...



When you are not staying at a field laboratory, accommodation will be with a university-registered home-stay family.



Christchurch, New Zealand

Christchurch has a population of 372,000, and is the largest city of New Zealand's South Island. The University of Canterbury is New Zealand's second oldest university, with approximately 17,000 students, 10% of them from overseas, and is approximately 5 km from the city centre.

Christchurch is a safe city, and is a popular choice with students of all levels from many Asian countries. Many high schools in the city have large numbers of foreign students attending, and the University of Canterbury has extensive experience in home-staying guest students.

Proposed Schedule:

Late June	Invite participating students
Early July	Confirm participating students
2 October	Leave Kansai airport
3 October	Arrive Christchurch
4 October	Orientation class
8-10 October	Kaikoura field trip
22-24 October	Cass field trip
29 October	Final class
1 November	Leave Christchurch
2 November	Arrive Kansai airport

(not all details have been confirmed yet)

Important note for students who are not Japanese or South Korean:

Japanese and South Korean students do not require a study visa to attend this course. If you are of Chinese or other nationality, you will require a student visa to study in New Zealand. See me for details about applying for the visa, as soon as possible.

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