



# Auckland/Canterbury University Transportation Postgraduate Programmes

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## **Programme History**



- Programme started in 2002 academic year
- Financial assistance from Transfund NZ, the Road Safety Trust, and the LTSA
  - Incl. funded staff at each University
  - Initial funding agreement to 2006 (5 yrs)
  - LTNZ/NZTA funding extended to 2011





## **Degree Offerings**



(Requirements vary slightly by University)

- Auckland programmes
  - Masters Degree (research): ME(Civil)
  - Masters Degree (courses/research): MEngSt(Tr)
  - Graduate Diploma (courses): GradDipEng(Tr)
- Canterbury programmes
  - Masters Degree (research/courses): MET
  - Masters Degree (courses): MEngSt
  - Postgrad Certificate (courses): PGCertEng(Trpt)
- Can also do 'Certificate of Proficiency' paper
  - Try a course before committing to Programme



## **Typical Students**



- 1. Full-time graduates from BE/other degree
  - Extending undergrad knowledge before work
- 2. International students (overseas degree)
  - Getting trpt qual'fcns for returning home
  - Getting NZ training before working here
- 3. Part-time students from Industry
  - Acquiring additional formal qualifications
  - Gaining CPD from one-off courses



## **Course Requirements**



- Masters: 12-18 months of full-time study
   OR Up to 4 years of part-time study
  - Usually involves 4 to 8 courses
  - Research project or thesis
- Diploma (Akld), MEngSt/PGCert (Canty):
  - Similar time frames to Masters or less
  - Usually involves courses only (no research)
  - Opportunity to "upgrade" to research degree subject to good grades
- Also PhD: 3-4 yrs full-time







- Many full-time transport practitioners enrolling in programme
  - Often graduates with a few years experience
  - Typically take one paper per semester (½ yr)
  - Can be from outside Christchurch or Auckland
- Employers typically very supportive
  - Support via fees, travel costs, study resources
  - Students can complete papers while remaining in full-time employment
  - Can do projects/research related to their work



### **Part-Time Graduates**













## **Distance Learning**



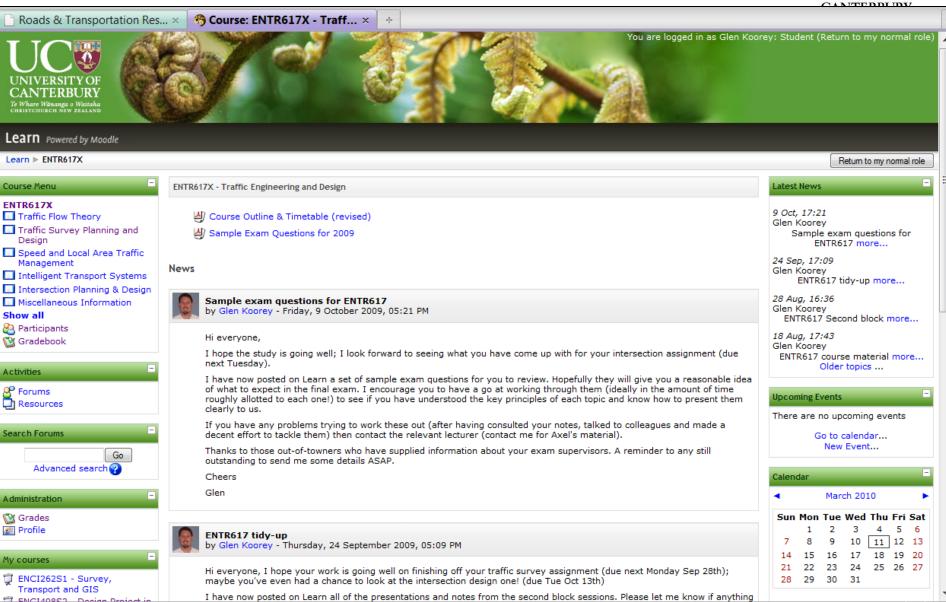
- Most courses are taught in 'block mode'
  - Attending two 3-day lecture blocks
  - Background reading/review away from blocks
  - Work on assignments/projects at home
  - Final examination at home venue
- Some Auck courses in 'extended mode'
  - One 3-hr afternoon session per week
- Additional distance support
  - Online teaching materials & feedback
  - Long-distance library service

## **Online Teaching Tools**

Done







## 2010 Courses – Semester 1 (Feb-Jun)





#### Auckland

- CIVIL660: Traffic Engineering and Planning
- CIVIL765: Infrastructure Asset Management
- CIVIL769: Highway Geometric Design
- CIVIL770: Transport Systems Economics

#### Canterbury

- ENTR401: Fundamentals of Transport Eng
- ENTR602: Accident Reduction and Prevention
- ENTR611: Planning and Managing Transport
- ENTR612: Traffic Management Policies

Can mix courses between universities

## 2010 Courses – Semester 2 (Jul-Oct)





#### Auckland

- CIVIL661: Highway & Pavement Engineering
- CIVIL761: Planning & Design of Trpt Facilities
- CIVIL771: Planning and Managing Transport
- CIVIL772: Public Trpt Planning & Operations

#### Canterbury

- ENTR603: Advanced Pavement Design
- ENTR614: Sustainable Transport Planning
- ENTR615: Transport Network Modelling

Can also do relevant papers elsewhere

## Teaching Staff – Auckland











Prof Avi Ceder



Dr Doug Wilson



Dr Theuns Henning



Dr Prakash Ranjitkar

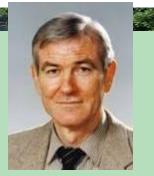
## **Teaching Staff – Canterbury**







Prof. Alan Nicholson



Dr Mofreh Saleh



Dr Andre Dantas



Dr Glen Koorey



Dr Kenneth Kuhn

## **Overseas Visitors**





**Industry Visitors** (Canty)





**Industry Visitors** (Canty)





## Data Visualisation Laboratory (AkId)







Fieldwork Studies (Canty)





## **Enrolment Requirements**





- Standard requirement is BE degree
  - Candidates with other relevant degrees or equivalent qualification are OK
     e.g. Geography, Planning, Psychology, etc
- Also appropriate non-degree candidates from the industry, e.g. experienced NZCE
  - Often start at Diploma/Cert level
- Need to make formal application to Dept
  - Applications for 2011 by end of Jan
  - Can start mid-year too (by end of May)



## **Funding Assistance**



- Fees typically ~\$700-900 per course
  - More for non-NZ Citizens/Perm.Residents
- Some funding support available
  - Uni Scholarships
  - IPENZ-TG Study Award
  - FRST Technology Fellowships (TIF)
  - Industry research projects (NZTA, FRST, etc)
- Many students sponsored by employers
  - Fees, time off, resources

## Key Messages to Take Away



- You don't have to have an Eng'nrg degree
  - Or possibly any degree
- You don't have to be in Akld/Chch
- You don't have to stop work to study
- You don't have to commit to a qualification straight away
  - Or you could change later
- You don't have to do research

Talk to us about your options



#### **Further Information**



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See our exhibitor stand for more details



### **Thank You!**



Any Questions?

