Study Abroad & Exchange Guide
Why New Zealand?

New Zealand is a small yet mighty country located in the South Pacific; our closest neighbours include Australia and Fiji. Our claims to fame include kiwis (the bird and the fruit!), Sir Edmund Hillary, the All Blacks rugby team, Peter Jackson, Lorde, and Flight of the Conchords – to name a few.

A study and travel experience in New Zealand is transformative. You’ll join a world-class education system, meet friendly locals, see amazing sights and enjoy a healthy work-life balance.

In our culture, we celebrate our indigenous people, Māori, and their cultures and traditions are woven into various aspects of New Zealand life. At the airport, spot Māori translations on signage, and during your travels take the opportunity to watch a spine-tingling haka (war dance) performance.

In New Zealand, our entrepreneurial spirit is hard to miss as we continually search for innovative solutions. Weta Workshop, pioneers in animation, and Medicine Mondiale, creators of life-changing products such as the Mondiale Life Pod Incubator, are excellent examples of this.

At the University of Waikato, experience all of this and more. We can’t wait to meet you.

- **Innovation** – thinking outside the square is the New Zealand way of life.
- **Stunning landscapes** – go from mountains to beaches to rainforests in one afternoon.
- **Climate** – our mild climate is perfect for getting out and exploring year-round.
- **Indigenous culture** – the culture and traditions of Māori, our indigenous people form a vital role in shaping our national identity.
- **Happiness** – we’re a happy bunch! In the latest edition of the World Happiness Report, New Zealand ranked 8th happiest country.
- **Integrity** – in our culture we believe in equal rights and ethical practices. In the Corruption Perceptions Index 2018, New Zealand ranked second in the world.
- **Peaceful** – #1 safest English-speaking country in the world (2018 Global Peace Index).
Why Hamilton?

Hamilton is New Zealand’s fourth largest city and the perfect launching point for exploring the North Island.

Central location – Hamilton is well positioned near the centre of the North Island close to New Zealand’s biggest city, Auckland, and beaches, forests and mountains.

Affordable cost of living – our town offers the perks of city life with lower prices when compared to larger cities. Rent and food costs are lower, and the city bus costs less than NZ$2 a ride when you use a student ID and concession card.

Rugby – Hamiltonians love their rugby – playing, watching and talking about the game. A rugby game at Waikato Stadium is a popular activity, with student tickets beginning from NZ$15.

Introducing Tauranga

Tauranga is one of New Zealand’s most sought-after locations – combining beautiful beaches, a relaxed lifestyle and world-class university study.

State-of-the-art campus – Our brand new Tauranga CBD campus offers a growing range of programmes. This small campus is a good option for students looking for a more independent study experience.

Coastal Marine Field Station – The University of Waikato is one of the premier universities in New Zealand for multidisciplinary aquatic science. The Field Station is a hub for a wide range of groundbreaking research focused on marine biology and coastal processes, including marine biodiversity, coastal erosion, environmental monitoring, aquaculture, and ecotoxicology.

Accommodation – Choose from self-catered apartments in the CBD or homestays.

Areas of study – Marine Science, Environmental Sciences, Biological Sciences, Business, Social Sciences, Arts, and Social Work.

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The University of Waikato offers a world-class education in the Waikato and Bay of Plenty regions. Experience smaller class sizes, friendly staff and a welcoming community.

Ranked in the top 300 of universities worldwide (QS World University Rankings 2020), we are considered one of the friendliest universities in the country (International Students Barometer Survey 2015). We’re committed to ensuring you have an enjoyable and rewarding academic experience at Waikato, no matter how long or short your time with us.

Our papers are built with theoretical and practical components to enable you to get the best possible experience at University. Our programmes are industry-relevant and some offer internships, research, and leadership opportunities so you can put your learning into practice and build your networks.

Our smaller class sizes provide plenty of opportunity for students to work closely with award-winning lecturers and students are supported by experienced tutors.

Almost all courses are open to study abroad and exchange students, making it easy to get the credits you need.

Come and experience Waikato for yourself and become part of the friendly, welcoming Waikato community.
Our areas of study

Arts, Social Sciences and Law
• Anthropology
• Chinese
• Creative Writing
• Dance
• Digital Learning
• English*
• Environmental Planning
• French
• Gender and Sexuality Studies
• Geography*
• Geographical Information Systems
• History
• International Relations and Security Studies
• Japanese
• Linguistics
• Law
• Music
• Philosophy
• Political Science
• Population Studies and Demography
• Psychology
• Public Policy
• Screen and Media Studies
• Social Policy
• Social Work
• Sociology*
• Spanish
• Theatre Studies
• Work, Employment and Society
• Writing Studies

Computing and Mathematical Sciences
• Applied Computing
• Media Design
• Computer Science
• Cyber Security
• Data Analytics
• Mathematics
• Software Engineering
• Statistics

Science and Engineering
• Animal Behaviour
• Aquaculture
• Biochemistry
• Chemical and Biological Engineering
• Chemistry
• Civil Engineering
• Coastal Processes
• Earth Sciences
• Ecology and Biodiversity
• Electronic Engineering
• Electronics
• Environmental Planning
• Environmental Sciences
• Geology
• Hydrology
• Materials and Process Engineering
• Mechanical Engineering
• Molecular and Cellular Biology
• Physics
• Soil Science

Management
• Accounting*
• Agribusiness
• Communication*
• Digital Business
• Economics*
• Finance*
• Human Resource Management
• Marketing
• Public Relations
• Strategic Management
• Supply Chain Management
• Tourism and Hospitality Management*

Māori and Indigenous Studies
• Māori Language/Te Reo Māori
• Māori and Indigenous Studies
• Pacific and Indigenous Studies

Look ing for something a bit different?
We offer a range of courses that are distinctly New Zealand.
• Business Economics and the New Zealand Economy
• Education and New Zealand Society
• Freshwater Ecology
• Introducing the Māori World
• Kapa Haka: Noble Dances of the Māori
• Māori, Pacific and Indigenous Health and Wellbeing
• Marine Ecology
• New Zealand Animal Law
• New Zealand and the Pacific
• New Zealand Children’s Literature
• New Zealand Histories: Fresh Perspectives
• New Zealand Music
• New Zealand Politics and Policy
• Planning in Aotearoa/New Zealand
• Planning for Sustainability
• Sustainability in Māori, Pacific and Indigenous Contexts

Credit points
A typical full-time workload at Waikato is 60 credit points. This usually equates to 4 papers, as most are worth 15 points.
Minimum enrolment is 45 points and maximum is 60 points.
In general, 15 Waikato points = 3 or 4 US credits = 7.5 ECTS, but please seek further guidance from your home university.

Paper Catalogue:
papers.waikato.ac.nz
If you hear the term ‘papers’ and you’re not sure what it means, it simply means ‘courses’.

*QS World University Subject Rankings 2019 place these subjects in the top 300 in the world.
English + Study Abroad

Students who don’t quite meet our English entry requirements for study abroad are encouraged to enrol in our English + Study Abroad programme.

You can enrol in 1 or 2 blocks of academic English courses prior to your study abroad semester/year. 8-10 weeks of study (1 block) is equivalent to 0.5 increase in IELTS level.

Example 1

May - June
8 week intensive English language programme
July – November (B Semester)
Papers in various subjects

Example 2

November - January
10 week English language programme
February – June (A Semester)
Papers in various subjects
July – November (B Semester)
Papers in various subjects

See pricing and entry requirements at waikato.ac.nz/go/english-study-abroad

Short Term Programmes

7 June – 3 July 2020
Experience New Zealand in four weeks.

NEW ZEALAND MARINE SCIENCE

Study and work with world-leading researchers at the University of Waikato’s Coastal Marine Field Station, learning how to manage marine resources and preserve ecosystems. Students will learn about marine biodiversity and ecology, human impacts on marine ecosystems, aquaculture, bioactives, ecotoxicology, and more.

This experiential programme is an active field-based programme. Students can choose to continue with a semester of marine science coursework at our Tauranga campus.

- Dive in a living climate change lab
- Explore submarine gas vents on White Island, New Zealand’s most active volcano
- Research New Zealand’s worst ship wreck
- Work with one of the world’s largest shark nurseries for bronze whalers

Learn more at waikato.ac.nz/go/marine

ENHANCING SPORTING PERFORMANCE

This programme is designed for athletes of all levels and students studying sport. Delivered through hands-on learning in the classroom, labs, modern gym, and trips to local sports organisations, students will develop knowledge in a variety of areas related to sport.

Students will have the opportunity to continue with their sport and practice with local teams. Rugby players have the option of an add-on package to train and learn from expert coaches from the Chiefs Super Rugby Team.

Modules covered:
- Nutrition for sport
- Exercise physiology and prescription
- Strength, conditioning and recovery
- Coaching/sport pedagogy
- Psychology and mental skills
- Biomechanics and injury prevention

Learn more at waikato.ac.nz/go/summerabroad
Experiential Learning

At Waikato, we encourage our students to gain hands-on experience to increase knowledge, enhance skills, and develop industry connections.

Study abroad and exchange students in business and science have the exciting opportunity to participate in internships or research, applying what you’ve learned in class to real-life work situations. There is no extra cost to participate – you’ll enrol as one of your three to four papers per semester.

We are always adding new opportunities - if you are a student studying in a different discipline, email us at studyabroad@waikato.ac.nz.

Waikato Management School (WMS) Internship

Looking for international work experience? The WMS Internship programme allows you to work with an organisation on a specialised project and gain valuable experience in your field of study. You’ll acquire practical skills, and enhance your employability, both at home and in New Zealand.

Programme Highlights:
• MNMGT 396: Management Internship (15 points)
• Apply your knowledge to solve a real problem for an organisation
• Opportunities exist across a vast range of subjects including: digital business, e-commerce, supply chain and logistics, marketing, strategy, human resources, communications, accounting, and events management
• Past placements include: Accounting firms KPMG, PWC and Deloitte, Hamilton Airport, Waikato District Health Board, Sport Waikato, Mainfreight, Bank of New Zealand, and Fonterra.

Requirements:
• The only requirement is that you are a business student in your third year or above who has completed relevant business courses and ready for a challenge!

Undergraduate Science Research Project

Want to apply your classroom knowledge to hands-on research and learning? This research project provides students with the opportunity to experience a research environment and is an excellent option for those considering postgraduate (masters or PhD) study.

Programme Highlights:
• SCIEN 303: Undergraduate Research Project (15 points)
• Flexibility to choose your research topic
• Hone your ability to conduct independent research and communicate results through a written research report
• Work with world-renowned faculty in areas of animal behaviour, chemistry, coastal processes, earth sciences, ecology and biodiversity, environmental sciences, hydrology, and more

Requirements:
• Science student in your third year or higher
• Identify and develop your own research topic and work independently

VOLUNTEER

There are lots of different ways to contribute to the Waikato community while studying here. Partner organisations include the Blind Foundation, Girl Guiding New Zealand, Habitat for Humanity, Hospice Waikato, Red Cross, and Refugee Orientation Centre. Contact employabilityplus@waikato.ac.nz to get involved.

Learn more at waikato.ac.nz/go/experience
Student Life

Our campus culture is friendly and relaxed. Experience market days by the lake, DJs and live music every Wednesday on the Village Green, and meet friends at one of our on-campus cafés. Join a diverse student community with students from more than 80 countries and feel at home in no time.

INTERNATIONAL ORIENTATION
Our international orientation includes sessions specifically for study abroad and exchange students to make you feel right at home. We begin the week with a traditional Māori pōwhiri (welcome) at our campus marae, then help you enrol in papers. Our Amazing Race is a great way to explore the campus.

CREATIVE AND PERFORMING ARTS
If you’re more the creative type, our award-winning Gallagher Academy of Performing Arts offers the opportunity to perform in theatre, dance, and music, and attend events ranging from classical opera, to ballet and traditional Māori performances.

BUDDY PROGRAMME
We will pair you with a current Waikato student, who will provide advice and support as you settle into your new life in New Zealand. The International Buddy Programme, along with our student club the Study Abroad Network, organises trips and activities to socialise and make new friends.

STUDENT CLUBS
There are a variety of student-run clubs and societies for you to join, ranging from academic and cultural clubs, to sports and religion. Visit wsu.org.nz

Explore New Zealand: International Student Trips

WAITOMO GLOW WORM CAVES
Discover the magic of underground glow worm grottos and caves that light up with thousands of glow worms.

HOBBITON
At the end of every Orientation week, our study abroad and exchange cohort visits the lush pastures of the Shire, the stunning movie set from The Lord of the Rings and The Hobbit trilogies.

ROTORUA
Rotorua is world-renowned for its geothermal activity – watch a geyser erupt and then soak in hot springs or mud pools. Finish the day learning all about Māori culture at one of the numerous local attractions.

NOHO MARAE
A cultural experience not to be missed. Each semester, our students are welcomed onto a local marae (Māori meeting grounds), with a pōwhiri (welcome) and an overnight stay in the wharenui (house). Students take part in cultural activities and eat a traditional hāngi during this unique and special experience.

TONGARIRO CROSSING
Often described as New Zealand’s best day hike, you’ll trek across an unbelievably scenic volcanic alpine landscape.

LOCAL WORKING FARM
If hugging a sheep is on your bucket list, then you’ll want to join one of our farm visits, where you’ll see a working farm in action and experience and meet welcoming local Kiwis.

SURF LESSONS
Learn how to surf in Raglan, known for its world-famous left hand break and stunning coastline.
Accommodation

At Waikato, on-campus accommodation is **guaranteed** for study abroad and exchange students.

Living on campus provides the ultimate Kiwi student experience - it’s a great way to meet new people and immerse yourself in student life. Plus, you’re never more than a 10 minute walk from class. If you’re looking to improve your English or want a home away from home, try a homestay and live with a New Zealand family.

**Fully-Catered: College Hall, Bryant Hall, Student Village**

This option provides you with your own room in a residence hall, with shared bathroom and lounge space. Meals are provided in each hall’s large dining room, where you can enjoy three meals a day, seven days a week. It’s close to the schools of Arts and Sciences, UniRec gym, Student Centre, and Village Green.

**Self-Catered: Orchard Park and Durham Mews**

This option provides you with your own room, with shared bathroom, kitchen, and lounge space in a cottage or apartment with up to five other students. In self-catered accommodation, you will cook and clean independently. Students can also choose the homestay option and live with a New Zealand family. We have a wonderful network of families and this is a great way to learn more about Kiwi culture. It’s also an excellent option for non-native English speakers to practise their English. You will have your own furnished room.

**WEEKLY COST OF LIVING (NZD)**

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Please note, the table above provides approximate costs only. Actual amounts will vary by individual.

**Tauranga Accommodation**

**Homestay: Hamilton and Tauranga**

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How do I Apply?

APPLICATION PROCESS
Our application process is easy and straightforward! Talk with your home university’s study abroad office first to make sure you meet their requirements and deadlines.

We require:
• Application form
• Paper selection form
• Official transcript
• Passport copy
• Proof of English proficiency (if applicable)

APPLICATION DEADLINES
Check with your home university, as they likely have an earlier internal application deadline.

• A Semester (February – June): December 1
• B Semester (July – November): May 1

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
• Minimum B grade average; equivalents vary by country
• English proficiency; some faculties have higher requirements; please see website
  » IELTS: 6.0 overall (or equivalent)
• Completed at least 2 semesters at your home university

CALENDAR
New Zealand follows a southern hemisphere academic year. The year begins in February and ends in November. It is possible to enrol in A (February) or B (July) semesters, as well as the year-long programme.
• A Semester: late February – late June
• B Semester: early July – early November

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS CODE OF PRACTICE
The University of Waikato has agreed to observe and be bound by the Code of Practice for Pastoral Care of Internationals Students. Copies of the Code are available from the New Zealand Ministry of Education website at education.govt.nz

Get in Touch

Apply online at waikato.ac.nz/go/studyabroadnow

Costs and Scholarships

COST
Exchange students are not required to pay tuition, as this is paid to your home university. Study abroad students pay a flat study abroad fee that includes student fees, official transcript, and tuition for papers to a maximum of 60 credit points. The study abroad fee does not include the costs of field trips, textbooks, travel, or accommodation.

Study abroad fee (per semester): $12,500 NZD
Student health insurance: $310 NZD/semester (All international students are required by New Zealand law to purchase student health insurance).

Please note, these values are subject to change. Visit our website for up-to-date figures.

What’s included?
• Tuition
• Student fees and levy
• Auckland airport pickup
• Official transcript

Generation Study Abroad Excellence and Travel Awards
Open to US citizens interested in studying abroad in New Zealand, with a minimum 3.0 GPA. Applications generally open February – April; application deadline is 30 April. Apply at studyinnewzealand.govt.nz.

Go Overseas and Education New Zealand: Scholarship to Study Abroad in New Zealand
Open to US citizens interested in studying abroad in New Zealand. One full-ride scholarship (tuition, flight and accommodation stipend) will be awarded each year. Applications generally open August-October. Apply at gooverseas.com/scholarships/new-zealand.

Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship
Open to US citizens who are undergraduate students and receive the Pell Grant. Education New Zealand has committed additional funding to support Gilman scholars to study in New Zealand. Applications are due early October for A semester and early March for B semester. Apply at gilmanscholarship.org.

Up to $2000 (USD)

Up to $15,000 (USD)

Up to $5000 (USD)

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