Study Abroad & Exchange Guide
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 balance between life and studying.

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 (traditional war dance) performance.

New Zealand boasts a mild climate, with warm summers and “chilly”, but not freezing winters. That said, there is plenty of snow on the mountains in winter.

At the University of Waikato, experience all of this and more. We can’t wait to meet you.
Peaceful – 2nd safest country in the world (2020 Global Peace Index).

Stunning landscapes – go from mountains to beaches to forests 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 2019, New Zealand ranked 1= in the world.

Innovation – ‘thinking outside the box’ is the New Zealand way of life.
Two cities, two campuses

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 and close to New Zealand’s biggest city, Auckland, and beaches, forests and mountains.

Affordable cost of living – 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.

Raglan – the cool little town of Raglan is a 45-minute drive from Hamilton. It is home to world renowned surf beaches, being famous for its left hand break, and has some of the best fish and chips in the country.

Hiking – the Waikato region is known for its untouched nature and rolling green hills. There are lots of popular hiking trails to try such as Hakarimata Summit Track, Blue Spring, and Mt Te Aroha Summit Track.

Café culture – Hamilton is one of New Zealand’s fastest growing cities and as the city grows, so do the number of cafés and restaurants. The suburb of Hamilton East is close to campus and full of great options including locally made ice-cream, quirky cafés, and vintage shops.
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 ground breaking research focused on marine biology and coastal processes, including marine biodiversity, coastal erosion, environmental monitoring, aquaculture, and ecotoxicology.

Explore – find locally made treats dotted around the city, climb Mt Maunganui to enjoy sweeping views of the Bay of Plenty coastline, take a dip in a natural hot pool or head to nearby Rotorua to experience geysers, Māori culture, mountain biking and more.

Coastal living – with golden sand beaches at your doorstep, you will be spoilt for rock pools, swimming, and surfing spots.
Our University

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.

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. You’ll be studying at a world-ranked university along with 12,500 students, including 2500 international students. Over 90% of our students are satisfied with their studies with us (Student Barometer Survey 2019).

Our papers (courses) are built with theoretical and practical components to enable you to get the best possible experience at University. Our programmes are industry relevant and offer opportunities in internships, research, and leadership, allowing you to put your learning into practice while building up your networks. Our smaller class sizes provide plenty of opportunity for students to work closely with award-winning lecturers, while being 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.
Rankings and Reputation

TRIPLE CROWN ACCREDITED MANAGEMENT SCHOOL

PROUD PARTNER OF THE GENERATION STUDY ABROAD INITIATIVE

STUDENTS FROM MORE THAN 85 NATIONS

9 GLOBALLY-RANKED SUBJECT AREAS

QS WORLD UNIVERSITY SUBJECT RANKINGS 2020
Areas of study

Arts, Psychology, Social Sciences, and Law
- Anthropology
- Arts
- Chinese
- Creative Writing
- Dance
- Digital Learning
- English*
- Environmental Planning
- Ethics
- 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
- Communication Design
- Computer Graphic Design
- Computer Science*
- Data Analytics
- Interface Design
- Mathematics
- Media Design
- Statistics

Health
- Biomedical Sciences
- Community Health
- Human Performance Science
- Population Health
- Sport Development and Coaching

Education
- Education*
- Education and Society
- Human Development
- Language and Literacy Education
- Māori Education
- Teaching

Engineering
- Chemical and Biological Engineering
- Civil Engineering
- Electrical Engineering
- Electronic Engineering
- Environmental Engineering
- Materials and Process Engineering
- Mechanical Engineering
- Mechatronics Engineering
- Software Engineering

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

Science
- Animal Behaviour
- Aquaculture
- Biochemistry
- Biological Sciences
- Chemistry
- Coastal Processes
- Earth Sciences
- Ecology and Biodiversity
- Electronics
- Environmental Planning
- Environmental Sciences*
- Geology
- Hydrology
- Industrial Design
- Marine Science
- Materials Processing
- Materials Science
- Molecular and Cellular Biology
- Physics
- Soil Science

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

*Globally-ranked subject areas
(QS World Subject Rankings 2020)
LOOKING 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
- Employment Relations in New Zealand
- Freshwater Ecology
- Introducing the Māori World
- International Relations: The Context, Theory and Practice of New Zealand Foreign Policy
- 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 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 see the term ‘papers’ and you’re not sure what it means, it simply means ‘courses’.
Experiential Learning

Gain real-world work experience by interning, researching, or volunteering while studying abroad at the University of Waikato.

Study abroad and exchange students have the exciting opportunity to expand professional and academic networks by working in a New Zealand organisation, all while applying class learnings to real-life situations. The academic credit for the internship or research project is included in the tuition component of your studies.

STUDY + INTERN

Looking for international work experience? The Study + Intern programme allows you to work with a local 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. Open to all majors and both study abroad and exchange students can apply.

Programme Highlights:
• Academic internship credit that shows on your transcript (15 points, third year level)
• Apply your knowledge to solve a real problem for an organisation
• A professionally handled placement process that includes: dedicated placement manager, video interview, pre-internship toolkit, orientation, an official role description and supervisor at the organisation, and end of placement evaluation
• Past placements include: Hamilton Airport, Waikato District Health Board, Sport Waikato, Mainfreight, First Credit Union, Bank of New Zealand, National Institute of Water and Atmospheric Research, and Fonterra.

Entry Requirements:
• You will need to be in your third year or higher of university studies and have some knowledge of your chosen internship subject area.

Study + Intern Cost: NZ$14,250
Internship Placement Cost: NZ$1,375 (Exchange students only)
Credits: 15 points (3-4 US credits, 7.5 ECTS)
Application Deadline: A trimester: 1 December, B trimester: 1 May
STUDY + RESEARCH

Want to apply your science knowledge to hands-on research and learning? Available research projects include both group and individual opportunities. Experience a science research environment, hone your ability to conduct research, all while learning from subject experts.

Programme Highlights:
- SCIEN 301 (group) or 313 (individual): Undergraduate Research Project (15 points)
- Several projects to choose from (group) and in some cases the flexibility to choose your own research topic (individual)
- Integrate and synthesise prior knowledge and learning, while working effectively in a team environment to contribute to a substantive project
- Work with world-renowned faculty in areas of animal behaviour, chemistry, coastal processes, earth sciences, ecology and biodiversity, environmental sciences, hydrology, and more.

Entry Requirements:
- Science student in your third year or higher
- Some research projects may require specific knowledge or experience with instruments or research methods.

STUDY + VOLUNTEER

Contribute to the Waikato Region all while gaining work-ready skills through volunteer activity, university participation, and workshop attendance. The University of Waikato Employability Plus Programme (EPP) gives students the opportunity to work with partner organisations or contribute to campus events.

Partner organisations include the Blind Foundation, Girl Guiding New Zealand, Habitat for Humanity, Hospice Waikato, Red Cross, and Refugee Orientation Centre.

Programme Highlights:
- Be a part of the university experience. Join a club, be a class representative, mentor, or help out at campus events
- Receive an official supplementary record to go alongside your transcript
- Participate in as many opportunities as you can to really make your CV stand out.

Learn more at: waikato.ac.nz/go/internships/research
Short Term Programmes

Spend four to six weeks experiencing New Zealand’s vibrant culture while learning from subject experts and making life-long friendships.

| Duration: | 4 – 6 weeks (June – July) |
| Credits: | 15 points (3 – 4 US credits, 7.5 ECTS) |
| Cost: | NZ$7,400 – $10,000 |
| Application Deadline: | 1 April |

**WHAT’S INCLUDED:**
- Tuition
- Housing
- All meals
- Airport pick-up
- Student support
- Comprehensive insurance
- Official transcript
- Trips and excursions tailored to each programme
- Programme specific add-ons

**PROGRAMME OPTIONS:**
- Enhancing Sporting Performance
- Creative Filmmaking
- Marine Science
- New Zealand Business Internship

Learn more at: waikato.ac.nz/go/shortprogrammes
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English + Study Abroad

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

Improve your English by enrolling in an English language programme at the Waikato Pathways College in order to meet entry requirements for our Study Abroad Programme. You can take one or two blocks of academic English language courses prior to your study abroad trimester/year. Eight to ten weeks of study (one block) is equivalent to a 0.5 increase in IELTS level.

Example 1

| May – June | Eight week intensive English language programme |
| July – November (B trimester) | Papers in various subjects |

Example 2

| November – January | Ten week English language programme |
| February – June (A trimester) | Papers in various subjects |
| July – November (B trimester) | Papers in various subjects |

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

Our campus culture is friendly and relaxed. Experience market days by the lake, DJs and live music on the Village Green, and meet friends at one of our on-campus cafés. Join a diverse student community with students from more than 85 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 (meeting grounds), 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/clubs
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.

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

NOHO MARAE
A cultural experience not to be missed. Each trimester, 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 (meal cooked underground) during this unique and special experience.

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 surf 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. The halls are an excellent option if you want to socialise with Kiwi students, participate in group sports and activities, and not worry about cooking meals.

**Self-Catered: Orchard Park and Mayfair Court**

This option provides you with your own room, with shared bathroom, kitchen, and lounge space in a cottage or apartment with other students. In self-catered accommodation, you will cook and clean independently. This is an excellent option for students who want to cook their own meals and have a bit more independence. College Hall, Bryant Hall, and Student Village also have a few self-catered flats available.

**HAMILTON ACCOMMODATION**

**COLLEGE HALL**

College Hall is the largest hall and most recently renovated. It has modern lounges on each floor for study and leisure. It’s close to the schools of Management, Education, and Law, as well as the swimming pool and sports courts.

**BRYANT HALL**

Bryant Hall is the smallest hall, creating a tight-knit community of residents and staff who all look out for each other and are focused on balancing study and the student lifestyle. It’s close to the schools of Arts and Sciences, UniRec gym, Student Centre, and Village Green.

**STUDENT VILLAGE**

Student Village is unique in that students live in pods of six residents meaning your pod becomes like your family while you’re in the hall. It is located closest to the schools of Arts and Sciences, UniRec gym, Student Centre, and Village Green.
MAYFAIR COURT
Mayfair Court is self-catered student accommodation located just a 10-minute drive from our Tauranga Campus. Students share a house with other flatmates - each student has their own room with a double bed. Bathrooms, kitchen, laundry and living spaces are all shared between the flat.

ORCHARD PARK
Orchard Park is designed for students who want to live in a flatting situation with a good balance between meeting new people and being independent, while enjoying the security of being on campus. All rooms at Orchard Park are self-catered. Each cottage has its own living, dining and kitchen areas, and there is a recreation room for all residents to use. Orchard Park is popular with second to fourth year students, international and postgraduate students.

HOMESTAY: HAMILTON AND TAURANGA
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. Correct at time of printing.
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.

Requirements:
• Online application form
• Paper selection form
• Official transcript
• Passport copy
• Proof of English language proficiency (if applicable)

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

• **A Trimester** (February – June): **December 1**
• **B Trimester** (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 two trimesters/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) trimesters, as well as the year-long programme.

• **A Trimester**: late February – late June
• **B Trimester**: 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](http://education.govt.nz)

Apply online
[waikato.ac.nz/go/studyabroadnow](http://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.

Trimester costs
Study abroad fee: NZ$12,875
Student health insurance: NZ$310
(All international students are required by New Zealand law to purchase student health insurance).

Please note, these values are subject to change. Refer to waikato.ac.nz/go/shortprogrammes for short course costs.

Get in Touch

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.

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 Trimester and early March for B Trimester. Apply at gilmanscholarship.org.

What’s included?
- Tuition
- Student fees and levy
- Auckland Airport pickup
- Official transcript

Up to US$2000

Up to US$5000

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