

STUDY ABROAD AND EXCHANGE GUIDE



THE UNIVERSITY OF
WAIKATO
Te Whare Wānanga o Waikato

NEW ZEALAND



Front cover photo: Welcome Rock Trail, Southland

This photo: Mount Māunganui, Tauranga, Bay of Plenty

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, Taika Waititi, Lydia Ko, Steven Adams, 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 (2022 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 10th happiest country.

INTEGRITY – in our culture we believe in equal rights and ethical practices. In the Corruption Perceptions Index 2022 New Zealand ranked 2nd 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. It's close to New Zealand's biggest city, Auckland, as well as beautiful beaches, native forests, and snowy mountains.

Affordable cost of living

Hamilton has 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.

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.

Raglan beach

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.

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.

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.

Find out more about Hamilton and the Waikato region at waikatonz.com

TAURANGA

Tauranga is one of the most sought-after locations to live in New Zealand - combining beautiful beaches, a relaxed lifestyle, and world-class university study.

State-of-the-art campus

Opened in 2019, the Tauranga campus offers a growing range of programmes. This small campus, located in the city centre, 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.

Find out more about Tauranga and the Bay of Plenty region at bayofplentynz.com



View from the top of Mt Maunganui

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 over 1500 international students. When asked, the overwhelming majority of current Waikato students recommended the university to others*.

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.

**According to the 2022 student barometer survey.*



Scan to explore the University of Waikato campus in an interactive map

RANKINGS AND REPUTATION



**GLOBALLY-RANKED
SUBJECT AREAS**

QS World University
Subject Rankings 2023

RANKED
331ST
GLOBALLY BY QS




**TRIPLE
CROWN
ACCREDITED
MANAGEMENT
SCHOOL**



MORE THAN
228
CONNECTIONS
WITH UNIVERSITIES
WORLD-WIDE

83RD
WORLDWIDE IN TIMES
HIGHER EDUCATION
IMPACT RANKINGS



AREAS OF STUDY

ARTS, PSYCHOLOGY, SOCIAL SCIENCES, AND LAW

Anthropology
Arts and Social Sciences
Chinese
Climate Change
Creative Writing
Creative Media
Dance
Digital Learning
English*
Ethics
Forensic Psychology
French
Gender and Sexuality Studies
Geographic Information Systems
Geography*
History
International Languages and Cultures
International Relations and Security Studies
Japanese
Law*
Linguistics
Media Production
Music
Philosophy*
Political Science
Population Studies
Psychology
Public Policy
Relational and Inclusive Practices
Screen and Media Studies
Social Policy
Sociology*
Spanish
Theatre Studies
Writing Studies

BUSINESS & MANAGEMENT

Accounting*
Agribusiness
Business*
Business Analytics

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

COMPUTING AND MATHEMATICAL SCIENCES

Applied Computing
Applied Digital Communication
Communication Design*
Computer Science*
Data Analytics and Statistics
Embedded Systems
Esports
Interface Design
Mathematics
Media Design*

EDUCATION

Arts 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
Engineering
Environmental Engineering
Materials and Process Engineering

Mechanical Engineering
Mechatronics Engineering
Software Engineering

HEALTH

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

MĀORI AND INDIGENOUS STUDIES

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

SCIENCE

Animal Behaviour
Aquaculture (Marine)
Biochemistry
Biological Sciences
Chemistry
Coastal Processes
Crime Science
Earth Sciences
Ecology and Biodiversity
Electronics
Environmental Planning
Environmental Sciences*
Geology
Industrial Design
Materials Processing
Materials Science
Molecular and Cellular Biology
Science

**Globally-ranked subject areas
(QS World Subject Rankings 2023)*

LOOKING FOR SOMETHING A LITTLE DIFFERENT?

We offer a range of interesting courses, including some that are distinctly New Zealand.

- Climate Change
- Crime Science
- Culture and Power in the Pacific
- Education and New Zealand Society
- Esports
- Freshwater Ecology
- Introducing the Māori World
- Introduction to Māori, Pacific and Indigenous Studies: The Climate Change Crisis
- International Relations: The Context, Theory and Practice of New Zealand Foreign Policy
- Kapa Haka: Noble Dances of the Māori
- Māori and Treaty History in Professional Practice
- Māori, Pacific and Indigenous Health and Wellbeing
- Marine Ecology
- New Zealand Children's Literature
- New Zealand Histories: Fresh Perspectives
- New Zealand Politics and Policy
- Pacific Migration, Diaspora and Identity
- Planning in Aotearoa/New Zealand
- Planning for a Changing Environment
- Sustainability in Māori, Pacific and Indigenous Contexts
- Terrestrial Ecology
- Understanding Crime Events

CREDIT POINTS

A typical full-time workload at Waikato is 60 credit points per trimester. This usually equates to 4 papers, as most are worth 15 points.

Minimum enrolment is 45 points and maximum is 60 points per trimester.

In general, 15 Waikato points = 3 or 4 US credits, or 7.5 ECTS, but please seek further guidance from your home university.

PAPER CATALOGUE

papers.waikato.ac.nz

At Waikato, we use the term 'papers' instead of '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.

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.

Programme Highlights:

- Some subjects have the option for academic credit to be earned, ask our advisors what your options are (15 points, third year level)
- Apply your knowledge to solve a real problem for an organisation
- Past placements include: AgResearch, Hamilton Airport, Waikato District Health Board, Sport Waikato, Mainfreight, First Credit Union, Titoki Landcare, Bank of New Zealand, National Institute of Water and Atmospheric Research, and Fonterra.

Internship Placement Cost:	NZD \$1,400
Optional credit:	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? Experience a science research environment, hone your ability to conduct research, all while learning from subject experts.

Programme Highlights:

- Papers: SCIEN 301 (group) or 313 (individual): Undergraduate Research Project (15 points)
- B trimester only (Fall)
- 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 Low Vision NZ, 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/studyabroad-options



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 University of Waikato College in order to meet entry requirements for our trimester Study Abroad Programme. Eight to ten weeks of study (one block) is equivalent to a 0.5 increase in IELTS level. Discounts may apply to the English language aspect of the English + Study Abroad programme. Please note, this programme is only available to students who are fee-paying trimester study abroad students. Exchange students are unable to participate due to visa restrictions.

B trimester - Study Abroad

May – June	Eight week intensive English language programme at The University of Waikato College
July – November (B trimester)	Papers in various subjects at the University of Waikato

A trimester - Study Abroad

November – January	Ten week English language programme at The University of Waikato College
February – June (A trimester)	Papers in various subjects at the University of Waikato

See pricing and entry requirements at waikato.ac.nz/go/studyabroad-options

TRIPS AND EXPERIENCES

Take a look around the best that our regions have to offer. The International Student Services Office organises some of these regional trips during the year. We encourage you to get out and see them all!

Waitomo Glow Worm Caves

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

Hobbiton

Visits the lush pastures of the Shire, the stunning movie set from The Lord of the Rings and The Hobbit trilogies via a guided tour and finish it off with a pint at The Green Dragon Inn.

Hamilton Gardens

Located on the banks of the Waikato River and very close to the University, explore the themed enclosed gardens, have a picnic on the open lawns, spot the turtles in Turtle Lake, grab a coffee at the cafe, or attend one of the many locally organised events.

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. Students are welcomed onto a local marae (Māori meeting grounds), with a pōwhiri (welcome) and an overnight stay in the whareniui (meeting 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.



STUDENT SUPPORT AND 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 week 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 and other academic obligations.

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.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SUPPORT

Our dedicated International Student Services Office provides assistance to help you make Waikato your home.

The International Student Advisors are here to support you with your adaptation to New Zealand, and answer your questions you may have about your time studying at the University.

The International Student Services Office also organises on-campus and regional events to help you make new friends and see more of New Zealand.

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](https://www.wsu.org.nz/clubs)



IDENTITY SUPPORT SERVICES

Preparing for identity considerations abroad is an important part of any study abroad journey. Here at the University of Waikato we have a number of support services to help you navigate aspects of your identity, ensuring you feel right at home in our community.



SPIRITUALITY

Support is available for faith and religion on campus. We have Prayer Rooms at both our campuses and local places of worship in Tauranga and Hamilton city for a number of religions, including: Baha'i, Buddhist, Christian (all denominations), Hindu, Jewish, Muslim and Sikh. For details, contact Brother Andrew.

Visit waikato.ac.nz/student-life/health-and-wellbeing/spirituality

ACCESSIBILITY

Accessibility Services works collaboratively with students at the University of Waikato to empower individuals with impairments to reach their goals and achieve their full academic potential. Students with impairments or support needs are encouraged to register with Accessibility Services before coming to Waikato or very early in their experience.

Visit waikato.ac.nz/student-life/health-and-wellbeing/accessibility-services

GENDER

Recognising our duty in promoting equality of opportunity and furthering social inclusion, the university provides support to those who identify as LGBTQ+.

The Rainbow Staff/Student Alliance is a group for staff and students and provides a forum for networking, discussion and progression of LGBTQ+ issues.

Visit waikato.ac.nz/student-life/advice-and-support/rainbow-alliance

LEARNING NEEDS

Our Student Learning team provides a university wide service to assist students with their academic learning needs.

Dedicated tutors provide free advice and assistance with assignment preparation, referencing and citations, reading, exam preparation, language development or any learning matter.

Visit waikato.ac.nz/student-life/advice-and-support/student-learning

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.

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.



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.



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.



Silverdale Apartments

Perfect for a more independent student who is after privacy with the convenience of living on campus. These apartments are equipped with a kitchen, bathroom, queen bed and a living/study space. Students can also access the nearby shared facilities at Orchard Park including: TV room, pool table, table tennis and BBQ area.



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.



TAURANGA ACCOMMODATION

Selwyn Street Studios

Our newly-built studios are located just a 5-minute walk from our Tauranga Campus. Students enjoy views over the harbour and the privacy of their own en-suite bathroom. Rooms also include a king single bed, desk, chair, bookshelf, wardrobe, mini fridge and there's free Wi-Fi. This complex is self-catered.



OTHER ACCOMMODATION

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)

	Rent	Food	Power	Internet	Mobile phone	Transport to campus
College Hall	\$430	included	included	included	\$10	walk
Bryant Hall	\$352	included	included	included	\$10	walk
Student Village	\$392	included	included	included	\$10	walk
Orchard Park	\$219	\$130	included	included	\$10	walk
Silverdale Apartments	\$300	\$130	included	included	\$10	walk
Selwyn Street Studios	\$295	\$130	included	included	\$10	walk
Homestay	\$280	included	included	\$10	\$10	\$20 for bus transport

Please note, the table above provides approximate costs only. Actual amounts will vary by individual. Correct at time of printing.

*Accommodation applications must be submitted before the application deadline to be guaranteed a place. Deadlines on page 18.

Learn more at: waikato.ac.nz/student-life/accommodation

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
- 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. Deadlines applicable to the applications for Enrolling, Accommodation, and the Study + Intern Programme.

- A Trimester (February – June): December 1
- B Trimester (July – November): May 1

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- Minimum B grade average: equivalents vary by country
- English proficiency (if applicable): some faculties have higher requirements; read more: [waikato.ac.nz/study/enrolment/undergraduate-international](https://www.waikato.ac.nz/study/enrolment/undergraduate-international)
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 Education (Pastoral Care of Tertiary and International Learners) Code of Practice 2021. Copies of the Code are available from the New Zealand Ministry of Education website at [education.govt.nz](https://www.education.govt.nz)

APPLY ONLINE

[waikato.ac.nz/go/studyabroadnow](https://www.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 fixed 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\$13,125

Student health insurance: NZ\$375

(All international students are required by New Zealand law to purchase student health insurance).

Please note, these values are subject to change.

WHAT'S INCLUDED?

- Tuition
- Student fees and levy
- Auckland Airport pickup
- Official transcript


BENJAMIN A. GILMAN INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP


Up to US\$5,000

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.



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