

# STUDY ABROAD REPORT

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## BASIC INFORMATION

1. Name of student: **Anonym**

Study programme: **H 066 416**

2. Host university: **Lincoln University**

Host country: **New Zealand**

3. Your period

of stay: from **08 July 2019** to **09 Dezember 2019**

Study year: **2019**

## FEEDBACK FOR FUTURE STUDENTS

4. **Information about the host university. How helpful were the following sources of information?**

(Please enter a number between 1 and 5, where 1 = not helpful and 5 = very helpful):

Homepage of the host university	3
Students / friends	5
Teachers at BOKU	1
Curricula	1
Host university	3
Centre for International Relations	3
Other: Co-supervisor	5

5. **How would you evaluate your ability in the language of the host university?**

(1 = weak to 5 = excellent)

	Before your stay abroad					After your stay abroad				
	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
Reading	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Listening	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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**6. Languages of care/support at the host university and their use in percentage:**

Language of care was German:  Yes  No

1.) English	100 %	3.)	%
2.)	%	4.)	%

**What recommendations would you give to future students about the host country and university? (Questions 7 -14)** Please give tips, sources of information, contacts, and links

**7. Host country**

Apply for you visa on time  
 Enjoy locally grown fruits and veggies (like avocados and sweet potatos)  
 never give a tip in a restaurant or bar  
 support the "All Blacks" rugby team  
 never say anything negative about the Kiwi bird  
 do not use cash

**8. Host university**

Stay at the campus accomodation, the public transport system in and around Christchurch, especially in Lincoln is not comparable to Vienna.  
 Try not to buy a car by yourself; trust a local friend.  
 If you have any questions regarding you accomodation etc. ask your RA (residential assistant) he/she can help you. The ladies from the accomodation service are als very friendly and helpful.  
 Also attend class, this is expected from postgraduate students; professors and students have a closer relationship then at BOKU; they will know your name; interaction during the courses is expected. Attend the "staff club" (all Lincoln staff + postgraduates and PhD students are welcome) every Friday at 16:30 - you will meet a lot of very nice postgraduates and PhD students. courses for undergrades do sometimes also count for postgraduates - you may have to do some extra work - but it is good to know that you can sometimes also take undergraduate courses.

**9. To what extent did you feel socially integrated?**

(1 = not at all to 5 = very well)	1	2	3	4	5
in the local culture/community in general	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
with students at the host university	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
with international students at the host university	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**10. Which contact person (at BOKU/the host university) helped you organise your stay abroad?**

Ulrike Piringer; Lisa Maria Schmidtberger : BOKU  
 Diane de Haan : Lincoln University

**11. How would evaluate the general advice and help given in administrative matters?**

(Please give a number between 1 and 5, where 1 = not helpful and 5 = very helpful)

at the Center for International Relations	3
from teachers at BOKU	1
from the host university	3
from students at the host university	4
from others: students who have stayed at Lincoln before	5

**12. Registration process, financial support, other requirements**

be on time with the preparation of all the necessary documents and requirements!

**13. Can you give advice and suggestions regarding the social aspect of your host country/university (cultural differences, importance of language ability etc.)?**

everyone is super friendly; no big cultural difference to Austria - I feel like NZ is a mixture of England and the US (english food, a lot of (big) cars, no good public transport system, no good housing...).

You can pay EVERYWHERE with credit car. I never used cash.

You dont give a tip in restaurants or bars - this is considered rude.

**14. Were there events organised especially for exchange students during your stay?**

Yes       No

**If yes, please indicate which ones:**  
 LUSA (the student association at Lincoln) organizes a lot of differen activities for international students including city trips (Christchurch; Akaroa), going skiing to the Alps etc. You can sign up for it at the accomodation office.

**ACCOMMODATION, SERVICES, AND COSTS**

**15. What was your primary residence during your stay?**

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Student dormitory   | <input type="checkbox"/> Hotel / guest house   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Room in a private apartment    | <input type="checkbox"/> own private apartment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Flat share with other students |  |

**16. Who helped you look for accommodation?**

- Host university                       Friends/family  
 Housing market                       Other: Students at Lincoln

**17. How helpful was the host university in looking for a room?**

(1 = not helpful to 5 = very helpful)

- 1               2               3               4               5

**18. How would you evaluate the quality of the accommodation? (1 = poor to 5 = excellent)**

- 1               2               3               4               5

**19. How would you evaluate the availability and/or accessibility of assistance given during your studies (regarding for example the library, computer rooms, labs, equipment etc.)?**

(1 = poor to 5 = excellent)

- 1               2               3               4               5

**20. How would you evaluate the accessibility and/or quality of computers and email services at the host university?**

(1 = poor to 5 = excellent)

- 1               2               3               4               5

**21. Expenses during your stay abroad (in Euros):**

Travel costs (for a single return journey):                      1800 €

Overall expenses per month (inc. Accommodation)                      1000 €

Breakdown:

Accommodation	600	€ / Month
Food	200	€ / Month
Travel costs at place of study	100	€ / Month
Costs for books, photocopying, etc.	20	€ / Month
Study fees	0	€ / Month
Other:		€ / Month

**OVERALL ASSESSMENT**

**22. How would you evaluate your stay abroad from an academic point of view?**

(1 = poor to 5 = excellent):

- 1               2               3               4               5

**23. How would you evaluate your stay abroad from a personal point of view?**

(1 = unsatisfactory to 5 = highly satisfactory):

- 1               2               3               4               5

**24. Which aspects of your stay abroad did you like the most?**

**From an academic point of view:**

I loved to close interaction between the students and the professors. They really care about you and help you whenever you need it!

**From a social/cultural point of view:**

I loved how friendly everyone was

**25. Did you have any problems during your stay abroad?**

I had an accident and had to spent some time in the hospital, BUT the great thing in NZ is that everyone in NZ (literally everyone) is automatically insured (this only applies for accidents, like ski accident) So all the medical costs, even the physiotherapy that I needed was payed for.

**26. Will your academic progress at BOKU be hindered as a result of your stay abroad?**

Yes       No       I don't know

**If yes, please explain why:**

**27. How could the Joint Study and student exchange programme be improved in your opinion?**

more information prior to the stay; working closer together with Lincoln

**General Report**

**Short feedback on your stay: attended lectures, seminars, excursions, etc.**

Other things you found interesting, you think future students should know, problems, general tips and recommendations...

I attended three courses:

ERST 607: Adv Geographic Info Systems B; Crile Doscher is a great professor; this was a very good course if you are interested in GIS; Crile uses ArcGIS Pro; we had to do several small group projects and one big individual project. There are theoretical classes twice a week and a three hour lab once a week.

ERST 636: Aspects of Sustainability. Lin Roberts is amazing; She is a very nice professor and knows a LOT about the topic. Use that opportunity and get to know her better! You will have to write several reports and a reflective journal every week. Lin will comment all the work you did with personal suggestions and ideas. BUT there will be nothing new for you if you studied "Umwelt- and Bioressourcenmanagement" in your bachelors. It is a basic course about climate change, sustainability etc. it is obligatory as a NARMEE student in semester 2...

WATR 603: Water Mgmt, Policy & Planning; Ed is also a very nice person but his classes could be a bit more exciting. I would not recommend to take that course. 1.) it is at Canterbury university, there will be a shuttle bus taking you there every Friday... 2.) it is not exciting to listen to this professor for 3 hours 3.) nothing new if you have some basics in water management 4.) VERY NZ based..

I stayed on campus in one of the Farm Road flats. I really loved it, but make sure you get the right combination of flat mates and a nice flat (any number above flat 10. the best flats are number 11 and 12).

I bought a car beforehand. Would not recommend to do so, take your time when buying a car, ask a local friend (or your RA (residential assistant) to help you. Buying cars is super easy... but selling them is difficult.

Take your time to travel the country. Do weekend trips.

## The last two questions

**What did you gain the most out of your stay abroad?**

The courses were so interactive and I learned a lot + I met super nice people; mainly internationals, because the domestic KIWI students are not super interested to get to know internationals but thats ok.

Talking and discussing with professors during the staff club was very interesting; this stay really broadened my horizon and I miss the incredible nature, the friendly people and the relaxed atmosphere.

**Which particular piece of advice would you give interested students?**

Lincoln University is amazing, it is a long and complicated way to get all your documents and requirements BUT it is absolutely worth it! Plan a lot of extra time after your stay to travel NZ!!!

**Many thanks for your support!**

**Publication of this report**

I agree that this report, including the above data (field of study, host university, year of study, length of stay), will be published on the website of the Center for International Relations for the purpose of exchanging information on the study visit, so that future interested outgoings can be informed about your experience at the host institution.

Yes       No

The consent is voluntary and can be withdrawn at any time in the future without giving reasons. Any revocation can be declared at any time by e-mail to [joinstudy@boku.ac.at](mailto:joinstudy@boku.ac.at).