

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 **18. 02. 2019** to **21. 06. 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	4
Students / friends	3
Teachers at BOKU	2
Curricula	3
Host university	5
Centre for International Relations	4
Other:	

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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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

Nature is amazing in New Zealand and the people are very open-minded and helpful. There are various outdoor activities you can undertake. For hiking trails the Department of Conservation is quite helpful:
<https://www.doc.govt.nz/parks-and-recreation/things-to-do/walking-and-tramping/>.
 Unfortunately, the public transportation system is not that convenient, so either you buy a car (which is quite easy) or you can use the intercity:
<https://www.intercity.co.nz/>

8. Host university

The campus is really small and it is very easy to find your way around. The student organization offers various clubs, which you can also join for just one semester and they also organize events: <https://www.lusa.org.nz/>
 Some of the accomodations offered by Lincoln university are quite comfortable (esp. Junction), though, compared to accomodations in Lincoln, e.g. shared houses, they are relatively expensive.

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
with students at the host university	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 and Lisa Maria Schmidtberger - BOKU
 Diane de Haan - LU

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	4
from teachers at BOKU	2
from the host university	4
from students at the host university	3
from others:	

12. Registration process, financial support, other requirements

All informations needed for the registration process can be found on the NARMEE BOKU homepage. BOKU offers a scholarship (1.750 Euro) for max. 5 persons per semester.

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

Local spoken English is easy to understand, except for some rural areas. In general, most areas of New Zealand are characterised by a strong European flavour, and, except for the Maori culture, I wouldn't say that there are huge cultural differences.

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

☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please indicate which ones:

Get Togethers, Free welcome drinks, Free BBQs, etc.

ACCOMMODATION, SERVICES, AND COSTS**15. What was your primary residence during your stay?**

- ☐ Student dormitory ☐ Hotel / guest house
☐ Room in a private apartment ☐ own private apartment
☒ Flat share with other students

16. Who helped you look for accommodation?

- ☒ Host university ☐ Friends/family
☐ Housing market ☐ Other:

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): 1500 €

Overall expenses per month (inc. Accommodation) 900 €

Breakdown:

Accommodation	550	€ / Month
Food	200	€ / Month
Travel costs at place of study		€ / Month
Costs for books, photocopying, etc.		€ / Month
Study fees		€ / Month
Other:	150	€ / 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:

Very small classes and a very good staff-student ratio.

From a social/cultural point of view:

In general, people are very open-minded and friendly. And if you need help or have any questions, you can just drop by at the professors' office and ask for advice.

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

No

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?

No suggestion - everything went well.

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 chose the lectures 'Environmental Policy and Planning' (which was compulsory), Conservation Biology and Agribusiness Organisations.

The lecture Environmental Policy and Planning was the most time consuming one, as you have to read a lot of papers and write three assignments during the semester.

I can recommend the lecture Conservation Biology, which is actually dealing with the question how to combine agriculture and the conservation of natural resources. The course is based on a three-day field trip to a High Country station, where you can conduct your own research.

The lecture Agribusiness Organisations focuses on farmers cooperatives and after the course you really have an in-depth understanding of how cooperatives work and how they can be improved in practice. There were also two guest lecturers, which contributed to a deeper understanding of the challenges and opportunities cooperatives face in practice.

The last two questions

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

To get to know a different university system and to meet a lot of nice and exciting people.

Which particular piece of advice would you give interested students?

It is a great opportunity to study abroad and to get to know a different university system. However, during the semester there is not that much time to travel around, so if you want to see more from New Zealand, you should allow some time for travelling before or after the semester.

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

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