

STUDY ABROAD REPORT

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BASIC INFORMATION

1. Name of student: **Anonym**
- Study programme: **H NARMEE**
2. Host university: **Lincoln University**
 Host country: **New Zealand**
3. Your period
 of stay: from **10 July 2019** to **25 November 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	3
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 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Speaking	<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"/>	<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.)	%	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

New Zealand is a dream. Enjoy your stay there, and dare to go out further than Lincoln University - Lincoln itself can be quite claustrophobic. As a good starting point in Christchurch to meet people and attend great events (targeted at young people) I recommend checking out the Exchange Christchurch: <https://www.xchc.co.nz/> or get active in local, civil groups like School Strikes For Climate, Extinction Rebellion Otautahi (the Maori Name for Christchurch). A great way to do something good and meet new people!

8. Host university

At Lincoln everything is small and nice, and everybody wants to help you. So - dare to ask, you will be taken good care of! No matter what problem you have, there is someone to talk to. I highly recommend attending the introduction days. Also, check out LUSA (students association) and find the club your most interested in, for example the LU student group for climate action, if you're interested in environmental topics. (Search them on facebook under that name).

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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
with students at the host university	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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?

The centre for international relations

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	5
from students at the host university	0
from others:	

12. Registration process, financial support, other requirements

It is a jungle! Bureaucratic mess. I did not manage to fill everything in in time, because i found everything from the application process to finishing the staz chaotic, I had to chase after information, and I am sorry, that i didnt get everything right!

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

Kiwis (New Zealanders) will welcome you with open arms! AS mentioned, check out the Exchange Christchurch. <https://www.xchc.co.nz/> It has helped me a lot integrating into the Community in Christchurch!

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

Yes No

If yes, please indicate which ones:
 there were different eventy for international students, and postgrad students - you cant miss them while youre there.

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: i bought myself the van I lived in.

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) 1000 €

Breakdown:

Accommodation	-	€/ Month
Food	150	€/ Month
Travel costs at place of study	400	€/ Month
Costs for books, photocopying, etc.	20	€/ Month
Study fees		€/ Month
Other: socialevent, vanlife	350	€/ 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:

liked the course work much better, as you have smaller classes, fewer classes - hence are able to really focus on what youre learning.

From a social/cultural point of view:

met the most amaying people, in a country that has to offer so much indigenous culture and fantasticv landcape.

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

felt a little bit not taken care of by BOKU, but otherwise, no problems!

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?

take more care of students abroad. of course we are adults who should be able to organize themselves, but while staying abroad, sometimes we need that little bit of extra support to be reminded about that one deadline or pointed out that there is another possibility for funding from the "stipendienstelle" etc. It felt like, we could do whatever we wanted -which is great - but now I am afraid to have done everything wrong (e.g. submitting this form to late, as i traveled in NZ after university has finished, and had no access to a laptop) . ist my own fault, but in this chaos of forms and applications, i was a little bit lost. Sometimes it felt like there was noone in charge of the whole Narmee process - and everyone said something different. clear instructions on what to do when, and help following them, please!

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...

Dear future students, make the most of your time in New Zealand.

1. University: take this opportunity to really grow in your academic field. The quality of lectures and teaching is so much higher than at boku. The classes are small and your individually taken care of by the lecturers! whereelse in the wolrd do you get this chance? So tkae it, and as you can decide upon most of the courses, pick the ones that you are really interested in. Special reccomendations: Prof Kevin Moores classes. Also take the opportunity to do the extra courses offered throughout the semester. They will not appear in your transcript of record, however you could use the opportunities to learn almost any program, or really develop your writing skills (just one example of the great offer!)

The last two questions

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

The innate trust in myself, that will be able to act openminded and appropriate in alsmost every kind of situation life gives me.

And the fun the fun to see that there are great humans everywhere you go!

Which particular piece of advice would you give interested students?

Take more time to discover New Zealand. Check out festivals and get to know the locals. Make friends forever and explore yourself a bit more!

And... dont live on campus. I think it will limit your experience. Get away from university from time to time if you do. Live in Christchurch or buy (and resell later) a van to live in.

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.