

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 **17 July 2023** to **10 November 2023**
 Study year: **2023**

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):

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| Homepage of the host university | 4 |
| Students / friends | 3 |
| Teachers at BOKU | 1 |
| Curricula | 2 |
| Host university | 5 |
| BOKU 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 | | | | |
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| | 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 type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" 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 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"/> |
| Writing | <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"/> |

6. Languages of care/support at the host university and their use in percentage:

Language of care was German: Yes No

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|-------------|-------|-----|---|
| 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

Travel as much as possible. It's a beautiful country!

8. Host university

It is different from BOKU in that you have weekly assignments and homeworks and no exams in most Master courses. So you'll be busy all semester not just at the end. Better start working right from the beginning.

9. To what extent did you feel socially integrated?

| (1 = not at all to 5 = very well) | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
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| 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 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?

Lisa Maria Schmidtberger
Carol Fan

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)

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|--------------------------------------|---|
| at BOKU International Relations | 4 |
| from teachers at BOKU | 1 |
| from the host university | 5 |
| from students at the host university | 3 |
| from others: | |

12. Registration process, financial support, other requirements

Registration process at BOKU is a little exhausting and not always clear, but BOKU-International Relations team are nice and help you along the way. Start soon enough with the application process, so you don't get stressed.

Financial support only covers a small amount of what you'll need for the exchange. So don't rely too much on the financial support of BOKU.

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

People in NZ are super open and friendly. It's easy to make friends with other students especially other international students. It's easier to socialize when you live on campus. Another tip are the social clubs on campus, like pottery or tramping. It's easy to meet people there.

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

Yes No

If yes, please indicate which ones:
 There was an event for international students organised by Lincoln University.

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): 2945 €

Overall expenses per month (inc. Accommodation) €

Breakdown:

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|-------------------------------------|-----|--------------|
| Accommodation | 544 | € / Month |
| Food | 150 | € / Month |
| Travel costs at place of study | 0 | € / Month |
| Costs for books, photocopying, etc. | 0 | € / Month |
| Study fees | 0 | € / Month |
| Other: | car | 50 € / 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:

Different inputs and perspectives from a non-European side. Especially the discussions with other international students (especially from Asia) were super interesting.

From a social/cultural point of view:

The connection of New Zealanders and especially the Maori to nature. I also enjoyed how welcoming, open and friendly people in New Zealand were.

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

On my roadtrip after the semester someone broke into my car. So don't leave your car anywhere unattended at night.

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 about classes at host university before going there and better/more support from the NARMEE team at BOKU.

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 had an amazing time at Lincoln University and I would totally recommend it. The semester will be pretty busy as there is a lot to do for uni, but the professors and students at LU are great and support you. I took two classes: ERST636 Aspects of Sustainability and ERST621 Principles of Environmental Impact Assessment. Instead of a third regular class, I took ERST698 research essay where I helped my master thesis supervisor at Lincoln with his research. My two classes and the research project were really interesting and I learned a lot.

My tip is to start working right from the beginning of the semester, so you don't have too much stress at the end. Talk to the professors and other students if you have any questions, as they are all really nice and happy to help.

The last two questions

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

I learned a lot about myself and gained confidence in myself! Being away from home, friends and family and facing many challenges has shown me how strong I am and what I am capable of. I also met the most amazing people and will never forget the experiences and adventures I've had in New Zealand!

Which particular piece of advice would you give interested students?

Don't be afraid, it's scary at first, but it is totally worth it and you'll have the best time! Also save enough money for your trip.

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 BOKU 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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