

# 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 **17 July 2023** to **10 November 2023**  
 Study year: **WS 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):

Homepage of the host university	5
Students / friends	5
Teachers at BOKU	2
Curricula	3
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				
	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"/>
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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"/>

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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**

Everybody is super friendly and supportive, so the only advice there is, is just ask somebody!

**8. Host university**

All the professors and employees are supportive in any way, so ist pretty straight forward to interact and find support when needed.

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

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

My co-suoervisor for my Master Thesis, which was also assigned to me as my mentor supported me in case i needed something, other then that i t was pretty straight forward.

**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 BOKU International Relations	4
from teachers at BOKU	1
from the host university	4
from students at the host university	5
from others:	

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

As this is already my second semester I did abroad, I was well aware of the sometimes tiring process of getting all documents needed for the application together. It all worked out well, apart from getting my courses confirmed on my ICP from BOKU. Since we were only able to figure out what courses we were able to take in terms of schedule and so on when already at the host university, we needed to change our pre-selected courses (which were confirmed by BOKU before). We tried to reach the programme coordinator to get our change of courses reconfirmed, but we never did.

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

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

Yes     No

**If yes, please indicate which ones:**  
Get together and meetings as well as different cultural events

**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): 1700 €

Overall expenses per month (inc. Accommodation) 1500 €

Breakdown:

Accommodation	500	€ / Month
Food	500	€ / Month
Travel costs at place of study		€ / Month
Costs for books, photocopying, etc.	0	€ / Month
Study fees	0	€ / Month
Other:	500	€ / 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:**

The small classes and strong interactions with the professors, as well as the diverse and intercultural classroom

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

meeting new people from all over the world

**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?

## 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...

The experience of student life is very different from BOKU in terms of teaching and studying. We only had 3 courses which were 10 ECTS each. I had no written exam, rather to write 3 assignments for each course and weekly homework. The workload therefore was pretty high constantly over the semester. Nevertheless there was also no stressful exam phase, which was pretty nice as well.

## The last two questions

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

Life experience and new friends.

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

If you have the chance to go abroad - do it!

**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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