

STUDY ABROAD REPORT

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BASIC INFORMATION

1. Name of student: **Anonym**
- Study programme: **H 066 416**
2. Host university: **Lincoln Universtiy**
 Host country: **New Zealand**
3. Your period
 of stay: from **06. 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):

Homepage of the host university	3
Students / friends	5
Teachers at BOKU	1
Curricula	4
Host university	5
BOKU International Relations	1
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

New Zealand is a stunningly beautiful country. Consider taking some time before or after your semester to explore it. Since the semester is typically quite busy with coursework, so plan ahead and make time for travel.

8. Host university

The university has a lot to offer, from numerous clubs and a well-equipped gym to great learning spaces. There's ample support from all sides if you just ask for it. Personally, I would highly recommend staying on campus – it's not only really pretty but also spacious and surprisingly quiet for student accommodations (Farm Road). However, I've also heard great things about homestays in Lincoln.

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

Carol Fan (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 BOKU International Relations	2
from teachers at BOKU	3
from the host university	5
from students at the host university	4
from others:	

12. Registration process, financial support, other requirements

The registration process can be quite time-consuming, with waiting times for signatures and confirmations. However, it is generally manageable. The financial support only covered my flight costs.

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

New Zealanders are known for their friendly and open nature. They are always willing to offer support if you ask for it. The culture is not vastly different from what you may be used to. But if you want to learn more about Māori culture, consider joining the Māori Club.

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

Yes No

If yes, please indicate which ones:
While there were only few international events, but they occurred less frequently than usual due to ongoing staff restructuring.

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): 2000 €

Overall expenses per month (inc. Accommodation) 1000 €

Breakdown:

Accommodation	500	€ / Month
Food	300	€ / Month
Travel costs at place of study	0	€ / Month
Costs for books, photocopying, etc.	0	€ / Month
Study fees	90	€ / Month
Other:	110	€ / 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:

It was a strong semester with a heavy workload. However, I learned a lot and was able to really engage with the topics, as there were only three courses to take.

From a social/cultural point of view:

Getting to know many people, and especially traveling the country was such an enriching experience.

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?

It would be nice to know more than two months before you move to the other side of the world whether you will get the place of study, it made the whole experience very stressful at the very beginning. Then maybe the flights wouldn't be so expensive either.

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 took ECOL 612 Wildlife Management, ENTO 612 Advanced Entomology and ERST 636 Aspects of Sustainability, which was the compulsory course for this semester. The courses were all great and I learnt a lot. However, the workload was intense. For my taste, the ERST course was a little too focused on economics, but overall it was a really good course with an incredibly motivated and dedicated lecturer. ENTO was very hands-on with lab work, which was such a nice contrast to the usual lectures. ECOL was very focused on pest management in New Zealand, which really helped to understand the dynamics in that country and such a different approach to conservation from what we are used to in Europe. All in all, I loved that all the courses were really engaging and all the lecturers were incredibly motivated, helpful and very friendly.

The last two questions

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

Confidence.

Which particular piece of advice would you give interested students?

Be aware that it will probably be a lot of work, I definitely underestimated it at the beginning.

Please take some extra time to travel, NZ is so beautiful!

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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