

# 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 **12 02 2020** to **26 07 2020**  
 Study year: **19/20**

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

1.) English	%	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**

Not a lot of public transport available. Renting a car is recommended. Gets cold in winter and isolation of houses is not the best.

**8. Host university**

Be aware that the university is in the countryside. Using the accomodation of the university is recommended (Farmroad Flats are great).

**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 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, Ulrike Piringer (BOKU); Diane deHaan, Accomodation (host university)

**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	3
from others:	

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

Some problems with the BOKU registration page

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

The entire program is in english. It is therefore advisable to be comfortable in written and spoken english. Otherwise staying on top of things may be difficult. The Kiwi accent is sometimes difficult to understand. To gain new friends faster it is best to go to all the events the universtiy hosts.

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

Yes     No

**If yes, please indicate which ones:**  
International Days

**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): 1400 €

Overall expenses per month (inc. Accommodation) 878 €

Breakdown:

Accommodation	526	€ / Month
Food	150	€ / Month
Travel costs at place of study	0	€ / Month
Costs for books, photocopying, etc.	2	€ / Month
Study fees	0	€ / Month
Other:      Travel	200	€ / 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 interactive small classes. Every class was always engaging. And there was a lot of effort to create comfortable and warm learning environments that foster skill and knowledge aquirement.

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

Meeting people from all over the world. Learning about their cultures and experiencing the New Zealand culture together.

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

The pandemic happened and New Zealand went into lockdown, so at least a month was solely spent in the accomodation on campus with my flatmates.

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...

I attended three lectures that were all incredibly interesting. The workload should not be underestimated as there are a lot of papers to write, instead of exams to take. The lectures I visited were MGMT615, ERST620 and ERST 630. ERST630 being the mandatory one. All of them are taught by teachers who take great effort in helping any student and creating a warm study environment.

I recommend staying on or near campus as it is convenient for meeting new people and being involved in the clubs and events happening on campus. For staying on campus Farm Road is the best if you enjoy meeting new people and being more in the centre. The Farmroad Flats are also newer than the ones at Crescent. Crescent is quieter (but closer to the supermarket) and the flats are rather old. A supermarket is close by and some restaurants as well. As mentioned above public transport in New Zealand is not the best so renting or buying a car is advised. I recommend doing the course work during the week to keep weekends free for traveling as the surrounding area and the Canterbury region has a lot to offer. Christchurch is a beautiful city and the view from the Christchurch Gondola is amazing. Sumner Beach is another nice place close-by as well as Akaroa. While New Zealand is not as cold as Austria during the winter months the cold I still recommend bringing sufficiently warm clothes as the proximity of a lot of towns to the ocean makes the chill pretty intense. Also New Zealand is a paradise for hikers, so bringing enough good hiking equipment is a must to really experience the country.

## The last two questions

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

New friends in various countries, improved intercultural communication skills. an improved understanding of different education systems. And more in-depth knowledge as well as new skills & knowledge in my area of study.

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

The workload should not be underestimated. Renting a car is advised. To truly experience the country one should go hiking.

**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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