GUIDE TO STUDYING IN NEW ZEALAND
FOR UNIVERSITY STUDENTS

• Great reasons to study in New Zealand
• Accommodation options
• Life in New Zealand
• Fun things to do
• Applications, visas and costs

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The 2016 Global Peace Index, which compares 163 countries for the risk of personal violence, rates New Zealand as the world’s fourth safest country just after Iceland, Denmark and Austria.

Transparency International’s 2014 Corruption Perception Index ranks us the second least corrupt country in the world, just behind Denmark.

All New Zealand universities are ranked in the top three percent in the world. The OECD 2013 Better Life Index rates New Zealand as a “top performing country” for the quality of its education system.

If you have a student visa you may be able to work while you study.

Enjoy a balanced lifestyle where it’s easy to get out into nature and there are plenty of things to do.

If you’re a PhD student, you’ll pay the same tuition fees as New Zealanders. You can also work full-time while completing your studies.

Wherever you are in New Zealand, you’re never more than 128 kilometres away from the sea.

[View Massey University’s international rankings](massey.ac.nz/international)
LIFE IN NEW ZEALAND

THE PEOPLE
Known as ‘Kiwis’, after the national bird, New Zealand’s friendly and down-to-earth people will be one of the things you enjoy most about your visit. Māori culture is a core part of New Zealand’s national identity.

Find out more

WEATHER
In general New Zealand has a pretty mild climate. February is the hottest month and July is the coldest. The average maximum temperature in summer is normally 20-30°C (70-90°F) and in winter it is 10-15°C (50-60°F).

New Zealand has some of the strongest levels of ultraviolet radiation (UV) so you need to take care in the sun as it may be easier to get sunburnt than you’re used to.

Find out more

DID YOU KNOW? New Zealand has a population of 4.7 million and around a third of the population lives in the largest city, Auckland.

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INTERNET, PHONE AND ELECTRICITY
All of Massey’s campuses have free wifi available for student use. Internet access is widely available and mobile phone and/or data plans are available around the country on monthly or pay-as-you-go plans. Our electricity supply runs at 230/240 volts, and we use angled two or three pin plugs (the same as Australia and parts of Asia).

PUBLIC TRANSPORT
Students at Massey’s Palmerston North campus get free rides on the city’s buses. In other cities students normally get discounted rates on public transport.

DRIVING
We drive on the left in New Zealand and you encounter a wide variety of conditions, including the occasional sheep crossing!

DID YOU KNOW? Wellington is New Zealand’s capital city and is home to one of Massey University’s three campuses.
QUICK FACTS

- The New Zealand university year is normally divided into two semesters: Semester One is February to June, and Semester Two is June to November. There is also a Summer Semester with a limited offering of courses.
- Undergraduate (bachelors) degrees take 3-5 years of full time study. Postgraduate (masters) degrees are 1-2 years and PhDs are normally 3 years.
- 11% of university students in New Zealand are international students.

TYPES OF CLASSES

- **Lectures** are usually an hour long and don’t have a lot of interaction.
- **Tutorials and workshops** can be an hour or two long and involve lots of discussion and group work.
- **Labs** can be an hour or two long and involve practical work such as experiments.
CURRENCY
Our currency is the New Zealand dollar but cash is seen less and less here as almost all shops and businesses accept cards.

Goods and services tax (GST) is a 15% tax added to the price of most goods and services in New Zealand, including most imported goods and some imported services.

TUITION FEES
These vary depending upon your programme of study. Massey’s programme fees are contained in our international prospectus.

View our international prospectus

NON-TUITION FEES
Example of what a student doing a Bachelor of Business on Massey’s Auckland campus would pay in 2017:

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Find out more

DID YOU KNOW? Sir Edmund Hillary – the first man to reach the top of Mount Everest with his climbing partner Tenzing Norgay - was a New Zealander and his face appears on our $5 note.

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HALLS OF RESIDENCE
Living in a university hall of residence is an option for undergraduate students as you will have the chance to make new friends quickly. This environment provides a great balance between study and social life, and is a good starting point if you are moving away from home for the first time. You can have some or all of your meals provided and there is 24-hour support available.

APARTMENTS
If you are a postgraduate student you may prefer to have a little more independence. Massey University has apartments for students who wish to share with others in a more independent living style and cook their own meals.

GOOD IDEA
It’s a good idea to organise accommodation before arriving in New Zealand. At Massey University we have a variety of on campus accommodation options and can help you find the one that suits you.

HOMESTAY
Homestay accommodation is when you live with a host family, in a room of your own, and the family provide your meals. Interacting with your hosts and meeting their neighbours and friends is a great way to improve your English and experience everyday New Zealand life and culture.

OTHER OPTIONS
You could also rent a house with friends. New Zealanders often look for people to share a house with on websites such as Trademe.co.nz.

Find out more about homestay
Browse accommodation options on Trademe

Find out more about Massey’s accommodation options

ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS
Massey University’s Auckland campus has the only 5 star Qualmark Accredited student accommodation in New Zealand.
TIPS FOR MOVING TO NEW ZEALAND

LEAVING HOME

• Understand all the requirements of your visa including any funds you need to be able to show when you arrive. Check out the rules are around working while you are here and if you intend to stay on after your studies. ➞ Find out more.

• Know when your programme starts and when you will be able to move into your accommodation.

• Research the cost of living in New Zealand to ensure you will have access to enough money.

• Arrange private health insurance. All international students are required to be covered by an appropriate medical and travel insurance policy for the duration of their study period. This is a New Zealand government requirement. ➞ Find out more.

• Check the driver’s license regulations if you would like to drive in New Zealand.

• ➞ Take the ‘Get ready for New Zealand’ test to ensure you don’t miss anything.

SETTLING IN

1. Get a student discount card - lots of businesses in New Zealand offer student discounts so make sure you ask. Student discounts on public transport can be significant and really add up. For example, students in Palmerston North get free transport on the city’s buses.

2. Find out where to get student support - your campus will have a student support office that is a great place to start if you have any problems. They can help you with accommodation, academic advice, visas and all sorts of other things.

3. Get involved in campus life - there are international student orientations that can help you settle in, and each of our campuses has a range of student-led clubs and societies which are a great way to meet other students.
MEANINGS OF UNIVERSITY TERMS

BACHELOR’S DEGREE
Normally a minimum of three years full-time study.

CONJOINT DEGREE
Two undergraduate degrees completed simultaneously by passing a reduced number of credits in each.

CREDITS
Every programme has a credit value and every course within a programme also has a credit value. For example, a typical undergraduate degree is worth 360 credits and a typical undergraduate course is worth 15 credits.

GRADUATE
A student who has completed a Bachelor’s degree or higher.

GRADUATE DIPLOMA
A qualification open to graduates or to those who have been able to demonstrate equivalent experience.

HONOURS DEGREE
A postgraduate qualification equivalent to a postgraduate diploma. Entry to an Honours programme requires prior high academic performance.

LEVEL OF COURSE
Typical undergraduate degrees consist of 100, 200 and 300-level courses. 100-level courses are taught in the first year, 200-level courses in second year and 300-level courses may be studied once 200-level courses are successfully completed. Postgraduate courses are taught at 700, 800 and 900-levels.

MAJOR
A substantial component of an undergraduate degree (at least a quarter of all the courses in the degree).

MASTER’S DEGREE
A postgraduate degree that normally builds on the area of study within a qualifying undergraduate degree.

MINOR
A combination of courses in an undergraduate degree that is smaller than a major.

COURSE
A module of work with a unique code number involving lectures, tutorials, seminars, and practical learning. A typical undergraduate degree, studied full-time, would consist of eight courses per year, with four in each semester.

COURSE CODE
Each course has a six-figure code to identify it. For example, in course 150.214 the ’150’ denotes Māori Studies, the ’2’ shows it is a 200-level course and the final two digits ’14’ identify the course.

POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA
A qualification that builds on attainment in the prior degree, open to graduates or those with equivalent experience.

SEMESTER
Massey University has two semesters each year (Semester One and Semester Two). Each normally involves 13 weeks of teaching followed by exams. There is also a summer semester known as Summer School.

UNDERGRADUATE
A student studying at university who has not yet graduated.
10 AMAZING THINGS TO DO WHILE YOU’RE HERE

1. Go dolphin spotting in the Bay of Islands
2. Relax on the beach at Cathedral Cove
3. Go hobbit hunting in Hobbiton
4. Explore a cave in Waitomo
5. Soak up some Māori culture in Rotorua
6. Sky dive over Lake Taupo
7. Sea kayak in Abel Tasman National Park
8. Heli-hike on Franz Josef glacier
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1. ‘Ay’ or ‘Eh’ = added to the end of almost any sentence. Can mean ‘don’t you think?’ or ‘do you agree?’ or ‘really?’
2. Anklebiter = young child
3. Aroha = Māori word for compassion or love
4. Arvo = afternoon
5. Bach; crib = summer holiday home
6. Barbie = barbecue (BBQ)
7. Brew; brewski = beer
8. Bust a gut = put a lot of effort in
9. Capsicum = red or green pepper
10. Cheers = thank you, and also what you say when you clink glasses together
11. Chilly bin = portable food cooler
12. Choca block = full
13. Chur bro = nice one; well done
14. Courgette = zucchini
15. Cuppa = tea or coffee
16. Dairy = corner store, convenience store
17. Dodgy = questionable quality
18. Footpath = sidewalk
19. Gumboots; gummies = rubber boots usually worn on farms
Haka = traditional Māori dance, performed by the All Blacks before a rugby game
Hangi = traditional Māori meal of meat and vegetables cooked in the ground with hot stones
Heaps = lots
Hokey pokey = a popular ice cream flavour
Hui = Māori word for meeting
Iwi = Māori word for tribe
Jandals = a type of footwear also known as flip flops
Jersey = a hoodie or sweater
Judder bar = speed bump/hump
Ka kite ano = Māori word for goodbye
Kai = Māori word for food
Kai moana = Māori word for seafood
Karakia = Māori word for prayer
Kaumatua = male Māori elder
Kia ora = Māori word for hello or goodbye or thank you
Kiwi = small flightless bird
Knackered = tired
Korero = Māori word for to talk
Kuia = female Māori elder
Kumara = sweet potato
Loo = restroom, bathroom or washroom
Lucked out = out of luck (often used to mean lots of luck in other parts of the world)
Mana = Māori word for respect; status earned through actions
Marae = Māori meeting house
Morning tea = recess or break
No worries = it’s okay; no problem; you’re welcome
Pack a sad = get upset about something
Pākehā = Māori word for any European person
Petrol = gasoline
Pie = a small hot meat pie
Powhiri = Māori traditional welcome ceremony
Pull a sickie = to take a day off work when you aren’t sick
52. Rattle ya dags = hurry up
53. Rellies = relatives
54. Ring = to make a phonecall
55. Rubbish = garbage; trash
56. Shark and tatties = fish and chips
57. She’ll be right = it’ll be okay; no problem
58. Shot bro = nice one
59. Skite = brag; show off
60. Smoko = break time
61. Spit the dummy = get upset about something
62. Sunnies = sunglasses
63. Suss it out = figure it out
64. Sweet as = no problem; cool
65. Tāne = Māori word for man
66. Te Reo = Māori language
67. Tea = evening meal, dinner; supper
68. Togs = bathing suit; swimsuit
69. Tomato sauce = Ketchup
70. Tramping = hiking
71. Wahine = Māori word for woman
72. Waiata = Māori word for song
73. Whanau = Māori word for family
74. Whare = Māori word for house
75. Wop wops = the middle of nowhere
HOW TO APPLY

DO YOU KNOW WHAT YOU WANT TO STUDY?

NO

CHOOSE YOUR PROGRAMME

YES

DO YOU MEET THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS?

NO

CHOOSE AN ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROGRAMME

YES

APPLY ONLINE (CHECK CLOSING DATE)

YOUR APPLICATION IS ASSESSED

AN OFFER OF PLACE ISSUED TO YOU

PAY YOUR FEES

APPLY FOR A STUDENT VISA

DO YOU WANT UNIVERSITY ACCOMMODATION?

NO

ARRANGE YOUR OWN ACCOMMODATION

YES

APPLY FOR ACCOMMODATION

ACCOMMODATION OFFER ISSUED

ACCEPT ACCOMMODATION OFFER AND PAY FEES

TRAVEL TO NEW ZEALAND AND START YOUR STUDIES!