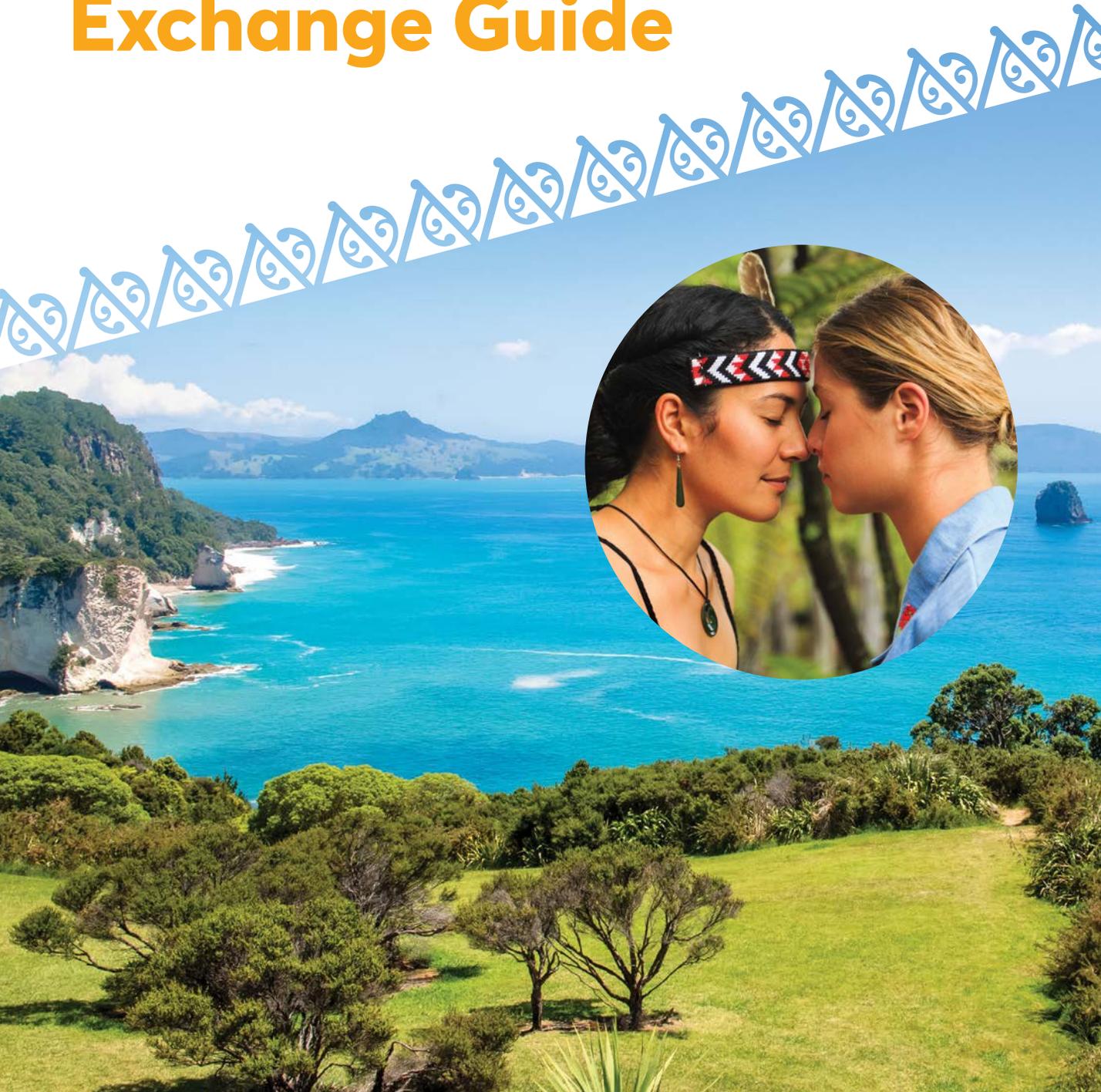
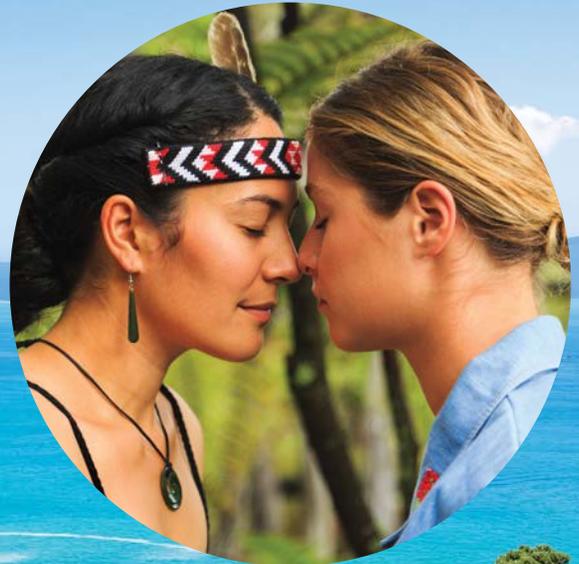




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Te Whare Wānanga o Waikato

NEW ZEALAND

Study Abroad & Exchange Guide





Why New Zealand?

New Zealand is a small yet mighty country located in the South Pacific; our closest neighbours include Australia and Fiji. Our claims to fame include kiwis (the bird and the fruit!), Sir Edmund Hillary, the All Blacks rugby team, Peter Jackson, Lorde, and Flight of the Conchords – to name a few.

A study and travel experience in New Zealand is transformative. You'll join a world-class education system, meet friendly locals, see amazing sights and enjoy a healthy work-life balance.

In our culture, we celebrate our indigenous people, Māori, and their cultures and traditions are woven into

various aspects of New Zealand life. At the airport, spot Māori translations on signage, and during your travels take the opportunity to watch a spine-tingling haka (war dance) performance.

In New Zealand, our entrepreneurial spirit is hard to miss as we continually search for innovative solutions. Weta Workshop, pioneers in animation, and Medicine Mondiale, creators of life-changing products such as the Mondiale Life Pod Incubator, are excellent examples of this.

At the University of Waikato, experience all of this and more. **We can't wait to meet you.**



Innovation – thinking outside the square is the New Zealand way of life.

Stunning landscapes – go from mountains to beaches to rainforests in one afternoon.

Climate – our mild climate is perfect for getting out and exploring year-round.

Indigenous culture – the culture and traditions of Maori, our indigenous people form a vital role in shaping our national identity.

Happiness – we're a happy bunch! In the latest edition of the World Happiness Report, New Zealand ranked 8th happiest country.

Integrity – in our culture we believe in equal rights and ethical practices. In the Corruption Perceptions Index, New Zealand ranked first-equal with Denmark.

Peaceful – #1 safest English-speaking country in the world (2017 Global Peace Index).



Why Hamilton?

Hamilton is New Zealand's fourth largest city and the perfect launching point for exploring. Daily life in Hamilton is relaxed – housing is of a high standard, locals are friendly, and you don't have to compete with heavy traffic like that found in Auckland.

One of the biggest perks to living in Hamilton is its proximity to other scenic and adventure-filled destinations. Nearby Raglan is a 45 minute drive away, and with some of the best surf beaches in the world and great cafés, it's well worth a visit.

Drive to the tourism hotspot of Rotorua, or the golden-sand beaches of Mount Maunganui, in less than 2 hours.

A night out in Hamilton city is always fun with a wide range of great restaurants and bars with free entry.

A visit to Good George, makers of craft beer, is a must-do, and there's a range of cuisines to try.

It's an exciting time to live and study in Hamilton!

Come and join us.



Central location – Hamilton is well positioned near the centre of the North Island close to New Zealand’s biggest city, Auckland, and beaches, forests and mountains.

Affordable cost of living – our town offers the perks of city life with lower prices when compared to larger cities. Rent and food costs are lower, and the city bus costs less than NZ\$2 a ride when you use a student ID and concession card.

Rugby – Hamiltonians love their rugby – playing, watching and talking about the game. A rugby game at Waikato Stadium is a popular activity, with student tickets beginning from NZ\$15.

Raglan – the cool little town of Raglan is a 45-minute drive from Hamilton and is home to some of the world’s best surf beaches and famous for its left hand break.

Hiking – the Waikato region is known for its untouched nature and rolling green hills. There are lots of popular hiking trails to try such as Hakarimata Summit Track, Blue Spring and Mt Te Aroha Summit Track.

Café culture – Hamilton is one of New Zealand’s fastest growing cities and as the city grows, so do the number of cafés and restaurants. The suburb of Hamilton East is close to campus and full of great options from gelato, to gourmet fish and chips, to quirky cafés and vintage shops.

Our University

The University of Waikato offers a world-class education in the heart of the Waikato region. Experience smaller class sizes, friendly staff and a welcoming community.

Ranked in the top 1.1% of universities worldwide, we are considered one of the friendliest universities in the country (International Students Barometer Survey 2015). We're committed to ensuring you have an enjoyable and rewarding academic experience at Waikato, no matter how long or short your time with us.

Our papers are built with theoretical and practical components to enable you to get the best possible experience at University. Our programmes are industry-relevant and some offer internships, research, and leadership opportunities so you can put your learning

into practice and build your networks.

Our smaller class sizes provide plenty of opportunity for students to work closely with award-winning lecturers and students are supported by experienced tutors.

Almost all courses are open to study abroad and exchange students, making it easy to get the credits you need.

Come and experience Waikato for yourself and become part of the friendly, welcoming Waikato community.



Rankings and Reputation

- Top 1.1% of universities worldwide (QS World University Rankings 2018)
 - 12 subjects ranked in the world's top 250 (QS Subject Rankings)
 - QS Stars Five Star Rating
 - Triple Crown accredited business school
 - Proud partner of the Generation Study Abroad initiative
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Our Faculties

Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences

- Anthropology
- Chinese
- Creative Writing
- English*
- French
- Geography*
- Geographical Information Systems
- History
- International Relations and Security Studies
- Japanese
- Labour Studies
- Linguistics*
- Music
- New Zealand Studies
- Philosophy
- Political Science
- Population Studies and Demography
- Psychology
- Public Policy
- Religion
- Screen and Media Studies
- Social Policy
- Social Work
- Sociology*
- Spanish
- Theatre Studies
- Women's and Gender Studies
- Writing Studies

Faculty of Computing and Mathematical Sciences

- Applied Computing
- Computer Graphic Design
- Computer Science*
- Cyber Security
- Data Analytics
- Mathematics
- Software Engineering
- Statistics

Te Huataki Waiora - Faculty of Health, Sport and Human Performance

- Community Health
- Human Performance Science
- Sport Development and Coaching

Te Kura Toi Tangata - Faculty of Education

- Education*
- Human Development
- Education and Society
- Teaching*

Te Piringa - Faculty of Law

- Law*

Te Pua Wānanga ki te Ao - Faculty of Māori and Indigenous Studies

- Māori Language/Te Reo Māori
- Māori and Indigenous Studies
- Pacific and Indigenous Studies

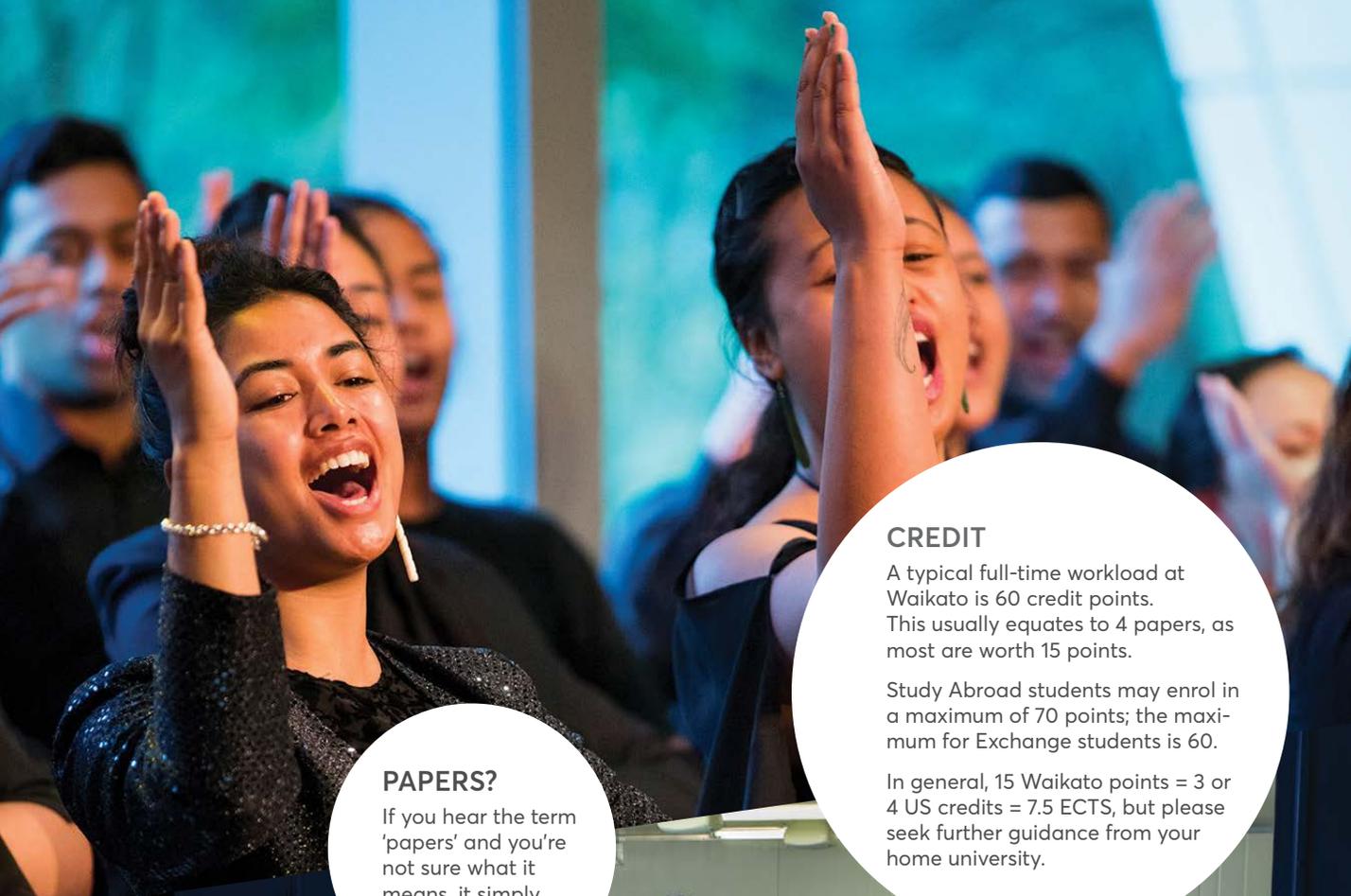
Faculty of Science and Engineering

- Animal Behaviour
- Biochemistry
- Chemical and Biological Engineering
- Chemistry
- Civil Engineering
- Coastal Processes
- Earth Sciences
- Ecology and Biodiversity
- Electronic Engineering
- Electronics
- Environmental Engineering
- Environmental Planning
- Environmental Sciences
- Geology
- Hydrology
- Materials and Process Engineering
- Mechanical Engineering
- Molecular and Cellular Biology
- Physics
- Soil Science

Waikato Management School

- Accounting*
- Agribusiness*
- Digital Business
- Economics*
- Entrepreneurship and Innovation*
- Finance*
- Human Resource Management*
- Leadership Communication
- Marketing*
- Public Relations
- Strategic Management*
- Supply Chain Management*
- Tourism and Hospitality Management*

***QS Rankings 2018 place these subjects in the top 250 in the world.**



PAPERS?
 If you hear the term 'papers' and you're not sure what it means, it simply means 'courses'.

CREDIT
 A typical full-time workload at Waikato is 60 credit points. This usually equates to 4 papers, as most are worth 15 points.
 Study Abroad students may enrol in a maximum of 70 points; the maximum for Exchange students is 60.
 In general, 15 Waikato points = 3 or 4 US credits = 7.5 ECTS, but please seek further guidance from your home university.



**Looking for something a bit different?
 We offer a range of courses that are distinctly Kiwi**

- Business Economics and the New Zealand Economy
- Education and New Zealand Society
- Entrepreneurship and Innovation
- Flora of the Pacific
- Freshwater Ecology
- Introducing the Māori World
- Kapa Haka: Noble Dances of the Māori
- Māori and Indigenous Health and Wellbeing
- Marine Biology
- New Zealand Agribusiness
- New Zealand Animal Law
- New Zealand and the Pacific
- New Zealand Children's Literature
- New Zealand Politics and Policy
- Planning in Aotearoa/New Zealand
- Planning for Sustainability



Experiential Learning

At Waikato, we encourage our students to gain hands-on experience to increase knowledge, enhance skills, and develop industry connections.

Study abroad and exchange students in business and science have the exciting opportunity to participate in internships or research, applying what you've learned in class to real-life work situations. There is no extra cost to participate – you'll enrol as one of your three to four papers per semester.

We are always adding new opportunities - if you are a student studying in a different discipline, email us at studyabroad@waikato.ac.nz.

Waikato Management School (WMS) Internship

Looking for international work experience? The WMS Internship programme allows you to work with an organisation on a specialised project and gain valuable experience in your field of study. You'll acquire practical skills, and enhance your employability, both at home and in New Zealand.

Programme Highlights:

- 400-level credit: 20 points
- Apply your knowledge to solve a real problem for an organisation
- Opportunities in marketing, finance, supply chain, economics, accounting, tourism, human resources, and more
- Past placements include: Accounting firms KPMG, PWC and Deloitte, Hamilton Airport, Waikato District Health Board, Sport Waikato, and Fonterra.

Requirements:

- Business student in your third year or higher
- B grade average and extra-curricular experience



Undergraduate Science Research Project

Want to apply your classroom knowledge to hands-on research and learning? This research project provides students with the opportunity to experience a research environment and is an excellent option for those considering postgraduate (masters or PhD) study.

Programme Highlights:

- 300-level credit: 20 points
- Flexibility to choose your research topic
- Hone your ability to conduct independent research and communicate results through a written research report
- Work with world-renowned faculty in areas of animal behaviour, chemistry, coastal processes, earth sciences, ecology and biodiversity, environmental sciences, hydrology, and more

Requirements:

- Science student in your third year or higher
- Identify and develop your own research topic and work independently

VOLUNTEER

There are lots of different ways to contribute to the Waikato community while studying here. Partner organisations include the Blind Foundation, Girl Guiding New Zealand, Habitat for Humanity, Hospice Waikato, Red Cross, and Refugee Orientation Centre. Contact employabilityplus@waikato.ac.nz to get involved.

Learn more at waikato.ac.nz/go/studyabroad

Student Life

Our Hamilton campus culture is friendly and relaxed. Experience market days by the lake, DJs and live music every Wednesday on the Village Green, and meet friends at one of our on-campus cafés. Join a diverse student community with students from more than 80 countries and feel at home in no time.

INTERNATIONAL ORIENTATION

Our international orientation includes sessions specifically for study abroad and exchange students to make you feel right at home. We begin the week with a traditional Māori pōwhiri (welcome) at our campus marae, then help you enrol in papers. Our Amazing Race is a great way to explore the campus.



BUDDY PROGRAMME

We will pair you with a current Waikato student, who will provide advice and support as you settle into your new life in New Zealand. The International Buddy Programme, along with our student club the Study Abroad Network, organises trips and activities to socialise and make new friends.

STUDENT CLUBS

There are a variety of student-run clubs and societies for you to join, ranging from academic and cultural clubs, to sports and religion. <https://wsu.org.nz>



INTERNATIONAL STUDENT TRIPS

Visit some of New Zealand's top tourist attractions and make friends from around the world. Past trips include:

- Waitomo glow worm caves
- Hobbiton
- Noho Marae: overnight Māori cultural experience
- Local working farm: hug a sheep!
- Coromandel Peninsula: Cathedral Cove, Hot Water Beach, Pinnacles
- Ruapehu ski and snowboarding



CREATIVE AND PERFORMING ARTS

If you're more the creative type, our award-winning Gallagher Academy of Performing Arts offers the opportunity to perform in theatre, dance, and music, and attend events ranging from classical opera, to ballet and traditional Māori performances.





“ There were several reasons why I chose Waikato. I love nature and the outdoors and Waikato is in a great central location to explore New Zealand from. I also wanted to make new connections on the other side of the world, and there isn't the issue of a language barrier.

I'm going to miss the people so much. I can't remember a time at university back home when I wasn't stressed – but in New Zealand things are different and it's nice to relax and be away from the stresses of home. I'm also going to miss the stunning landscapes and the food – I'm obsessed with Whittaker's chocolate and Tim Tams!

– Bryce Bozadjian
Arizona State University

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Accommodation

At Waikato, on-campus accommodation is **guaranteed** for study abroad and exchange students. Living on campus provides the ultimate Kiwi student experience - it's a great way to meet new people and immerse yourself in student life. Plus, you're never more than a 10 minute walk from class. If you're looking to improve your English or want a home away from home, try a homestay and live with a New Zealand family.

Fully-Catered: College Hall, Bryant Hall, Student Village

This option provides you with your own room in a residence hall, with shared bathroom and lounge space. Meals are provided in each hall's large dining room, where you can enjoy three meals a day, seven days a week. The halls are an excellent option if you want to socialise with Kiwi students, participate in group sports and activities, and not worry about cooking meals.

Self-Catered: Orchard Park

This option provides you with your own room, with shared bathroom, kitchen, and lounge space in a cottage with up to five other students. In self-catered accommodation, you will cook and clean independently. This is an excellent option for students who want to cook their own meals and have a bit more independence. College Hall, Bryant Hall, and Student Village also have a few self-catered flats available.



COLLEGE HALL

College Hall is the largest hall and most recently renovated. It has modern lounges on each floor for study and leisure. It's close to the faculties of Management, Education, and Law, as well as the swimming pool and sports courts.



BRYANT HALL

Bryant Hall is the smallest hall, creating a tight-knit community of residents and staff who all look out for each other and are focused on balancing study and the student lifestyle. It's close to the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, UniRec gym, Student Centre, and Village Green.



STUDENT VILLAGE

Student Village is unique in that students live in pods of six residents meaning your pod becomes like your family while you're in the hall. It is located closest to the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, UniRec gym, Student Centre, and Village Green.



ORCHARD PARK

Orchard Park is designed for students who want to live in a flatting situation with a good balance between meeting new people and being independent, while enjoying the security of being on campus. All rooms at Orchard Park are self-catered. Each cottage has its own living, dining and kitchen areas, and there is a recreation room for all residents to use. Orchard Park is popular with second to fourth year students, international and postgraduate students.

HOMESTAY

Students can also choose the homestay option and live with a New Zealand family. We have a wonderful network of families around Hamilton and this is a great way to learn more about Kiwi culture. It's also an excellent option for non-native English speakers to practise their English. You will have your own furnished room.



OFF-CAMPUS FLATTING

If you're looking for a more independent lifestyle, you may choose to find a flat (house or apartment) and share with flatmates. You rent a private bedroom and share a common living space. There are many affordable student flats near campus. Be sure to look carefully at your rental contract and be aware that some flats will be unfurnished.



Weekly Cost of Living (NZD)

	Bryant Hall	Student Village	College Hall	Orchard Park	Homestay	Shared Flat Off-Campus
Rent	\$312	\$312	\$355	\$160	\$266	\$100-200
Food	included	included	included	\$100	included	\$100
Power	included	included	included	\$15	included	\$15
Internet	included	included	included	included	\$10	\$10
Mobile phone	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$10
Transport to Campus	walk	walk	walk	walk	\$20	\$20

Please note, the table above provides approximate costs only. Actual amounts will vary by individual.

How do I Apply?

APPLICATION PROCESS

Our application process is easy and straightforward!

Talk with your home university's Study Abroad office first to make sure you meet their requirements and deadlines.

We require:

- Application form
- Paper selection form
- Official transcript
- Passport copy
- Proof of English proficiency (if applicable)

APPLICATION DEADLINES

Check with your home university, as they likely have an earlier internal application deadline.

- **A semester** (February – June) : **December 1**
- **B semester** (July – November): **May 1**

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- Minimum B grade average: equivalents vary by country
- English proficiency: some faculties have higher requirements; please see website
 - » IELTS: 6.0 overall (or equivalent)
- Completed at least 2 semesters at your home university

CALENDAR

New Zealand follows a southern hemisphere academic year.

The year begins in February and ends in November. It is possible to enrol in A (February) or B (July) semesters, as well as the year-long programme.

- **A semester: late February – late June**
- **B semester: early July – early November**

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS CODE OF PRACTICE

The University of Waikato has agreed to observe and be bound by the Code of Practice for Pastoral Care of International Students.

Copies of the Code are available from the New Zealand Ministry of Education website at www.education.govt.nz

Apply online at waikato.ac.nz/go/studyabroadnow



Costs and Scholarships

COST

Exchange students are not required to pay tuition, as this is paid to your home university. Study abroad students pay a flat study abroad fee that includes student fees, official transcript, and tuition for papers to a maximum of 70 credit points. The study abroad fee does not include the costs of field trips, textbooks, travel, or accommodation.

Study abroad fee (per semester):

\$12,978 NZD

Student health insurance:

\$310 NZD/semester (All international students are required by New Zealand law to purchase student health insurance).

Please note, these values are subject to change. Visit our website for up-to-date figures.

Up to
\$2000
(USD)

Generation Study Abroad Excellence and Travel Awards

Open to US citizens interested in studying abroad in New Zealand, with a minimum 3.0 GPA. Applications generally open February – April; application deadline is 30 April. Apply at studyinnewzealand.govt.nz.

Up to
\$15,000
(USD)

Go Overseas and Education New Zealand: Scholarship to Study Abroad in New Zealand

Open to US citizens interested in studying abroad in New Zealand. One full-ride scholarship (tuition, flight and accommodation stipend) will be awarded each year. Applications generally open August-October. Apply at gooverseas.com/scholarships/new-zealand.

Up to
\$5000
(USD)

Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship

Open to US citizens who are undergraduate students and receive the Pell Grant. Education New Zealand has committed additional funding to support Gilman scholars to study in New Zealand. Applications are due early October for A semester and early March for B semester. Apply at gilmanscholarship.org.

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