



New Program Information

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Name of host institution: Massey University (Manawatu campus)

Location: Palmerston North, North Island. The city is centrally located to outdoor activities: 2.5 hours from the mountains, 20 minutes from the beach, 2 hours from Wellington. This is Massey's original campus, with heritage buildings and park-like grounds located near Palmerston North city. The large campus is beautiful year-round with 11,500 different varieties of plants and trees in the form of manicured gardens, green fields, woodlands and bush. The Massey University grounds in Manawātū are listed as a New Zealand Botanical Garden.

Website: http://www.massey.ac.nz/massey/international/study-abroad/study-abroad_home.cfm
http://www.massey.ac.nz/massey/student-life/about-our-campus/albany-campus/albany-campus_home.cfm

Accreditation/Recognition by: NZ Qualifications Authority

Number of international students: 1000 **total students:** 9000

Most convenient way to reach host country from Atlanta: Star Alliance connecting flight to Houston, LA, or SFO. Then Air New Zealand flight to Auckland and transfer to flight to Palmerston North.

How students reach host institution from airport: Students must complete and return an arrival collection form to Massey at least two weeks before arriving in New Zealand for a pickup to be guaranteed upon arrival at the destination airport, bus or train station. The arrival collection form for each campus can be found at: <http://www.massey.ac.nz/massey/student-life/services-and-resources/international-student-support/arriving-in-new-zealand/arriving-in-new-zealand.cfm>

Visa information: <http://www.immigration.govt.nz/migrant/stream/study/application/> US students studying for a semester in NZ must apply for a visa.

Residence permit: N/A

Point of contact in International Student Office: Mr Craig Lyons, Student Mobility Coordinator, International Office, Courtyard Complex, email C.V.Lyons@massey.ac.nz. If Craig is not available, Mrs Sylvia Hooker, Team Leader, International Student Support, Registry Building, Level 2, email s.d.hooker@massey.ac.nz.

of staff in International Student Office: 5

After hours emergency phone number: campus security: 06 350 5030 or International Student Support cell phone: 027 288 8380

Terms of study:

fall spring summer other (explain)

Summer: 2 weeks tramping across both islands in the context of the academic subject + optional 4 week internship in the following fields:

Agriculture and Environment

Agribusiness, Agriculture, Environmental Science, and Wildlife Management majors

Communication and Marketing

Journalism, Media Studies, Public Relations, Advertising, Marketing, and Communication majors

Disaster Risk and Emergency Management

Emergency Management, Homeland Security, Public Safety, Geography, Sociology, Political Science, and Defense majors

Program information: http://www.massey.ac.nz/massey/international/study-abroad/national-expedition-and-internship/national-expedition-and-internship_home.cfm

Approximate dates of terms:

Berry's spring semester/Massey's semester 1: Late FEB – late JUN

Berry's fall semester/Massey's semester 2: Mid JUL – mid NOV

National expedition and internship: starts in late May, mid June or late June, depending on subject, and runs for 6 weeks

References:

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Is the institution a NAFSA member? Yes

Member of Forum on Education Abroad? No

Completed QUIP? No

Application Process

Application form (online, paper, how to obtain): students apply through ISEP Direct and then as part of the application process, students need to complete a Massey University Study Abroad Application form (in addition to the ISEP application). The application form may be downloaded from this webpage:

http://www.massey.ac.nz/massey/international/study-abroad/how-to-apply/how-to-apply_home.cfm.

Students must also submit a verified copy of their passport or birth certificate and original or verified copy of their academic transcript/s. Please send the completed Massey application form plus required documentation to the Massey University International Office ASAP if you have not already done so.

Requirements for participation (gpa, references): 2.75 and 1 reference

Application fee: N/A

Deadlines: November 15, April 15

Academics

Credit system (e.g. ECTS) & **US equivalent:** Classes are referred to as "papers." 60 points is a full load (approximately 600 learning hours), usually 4 papers. Each paper is worth 15 points. 12-15 learning hours per week. 15 points = 4 Berry credit hours.

Academic advising (how do students register for classes): Papers (classes) selected to study at Massey are subject to academic approval. Eligibility (approval) for courses will be communicated to the student by email, through Massey's International Office. Students will be enrolled into their approved papers prior to their arrival on campus, wherever possible. During Orientation week and the first week of lectures, students have the opportunity to make changes to their enrolment if required.

Course articulation (relationship to Berry curriculum: gen ed fulfillments, major courses; classes especially for international students):
Level 1 classes will be geared toward students with experience from high school; levels 2 & 3 will have pre-reqs.
Subjects offered:

Sciences	Aviation	Food science and technology
Business	Veterinary sciences	Biotechnology
Education	Agriculture	Advanced material sciences
Arts	Horticulture	Product development
Humanities and social sciences	Engineering	

See [What Can I Study?](#)

Are there any courses/departments study abroad students are excluded from? Engineering, Nursing, Aviation, most Veterinary papers (although Animal Science papers are available). Study abroad and exchange students are allowed to enrol in the following Vet papers if they meet the prerequisites and receive approval from our Programme Director.

[193.124 Comparative Anatomy for Veterinary Technologists](#)

[193.304 Animal Emergency Response](#)

[193.305 Advanced Animal Behaviour](#)

Timetable clashes are possible, so student should try to be flexible.

Do classes need a minimum enrollment in order to be held? Classes are rarely cancelled

Do any classes require additional fees? Occasionally a course component fee is applied to papers to cover additional costs, such as field trips, laboratory materials, etc. These fees typically range from NZ\$10 - NZ\$150 per paper. Where a component fee applies, this will be indicated online in the paper description. These charges are not included in the ISEP benefits, and should be paid directly to Massey during the first weeks of the semester.

Average courseload (# of courses & credits): 4 classes, each worth 15 points (4 credits)

Instruction (lecture, seminar, tutoring, online): Lower level classes will have large lectures, accompanied by smaller tutorials or labs. Higher level papers will have fewer students.

Some papers involve field work. For a list, see

[http://www.massey.ac.nz/massey/fms/International%20Students/Study%20Abroad_Exchange%20\(IN\)/Documents/Massey%20University_Explore%20NZ%20-%20Classes%20with%20fieldwork.pdf](http://www.massey.ac.nz/massey/fms/International%20Students/Study%20Abroad_Exchange%20(IN)/Documents/Massey%20University_Explore%20NZ%20-%20Classes%20with%20fieldwork.pdf).

Internship opportunities: See "summer" above. Note this opportunity is only on the Palmerston North campus. Massey also offers full semester internships and other experiential opportunities to enhance studies. One great option is to intern in the International Office with the Study Abroad and Student Exchange team.

Form of course assessment: Exams, presentations, lab reports, etc. Group work. Fewer assessments than students probably accustomed to, but students receive materials on day 1 so know what is expected.

Support (“learning center,” etc.): located in library; the Student Learning Centre helps students to develop good study practices and examination skills by running regular workshops and individual consultations. More information is available at learning.massey.ac.nz

Massey students enjoy access to a full range of support services, including modern computer facilities, a Massey username and email account, free internet access, and Information Technology Services support.

Resources (library, IT):

Libraries are located on each Massey campus, with Massey’s Library Service holding more than one million books, plus access to thousands of online print and electronic journals. Please see library.massey.ac.nz. Study rooms are also available for small groups, and there are designated quiet floors.

Our Information Technology Service provides a range of computer facilities on all campuses. Every student is assigned a Massey student usercode and email address, which can be used to access online services such as course and campus information, email and enrolment online. Once enrolled, you can use the online courses provided on the Massey website. There are also facilities for you to store and print the files you need for your coursework.

Wi-Fi accessibility & where: campus-wide except service in residence halls incurs a fee

Major differences in educational system: independent learning is critical, assignments are not ordinarily spelled out. Students expected to read widely. The academic environment is more casual; students call professors by their first name, for example.

Average size of classes: Level 1 lecture could have up to 200; levels 2 & 3 closer to 20 – 30. Tutorials are less frequent than at other universities

Transcript & grading system (explain US equivalents, avg. length of time between end of term and issuing of transcript)

Transcript issued for SM1 students	3 weeks after the end of the semester
Transcript issued for SM2 students	4 weeks after the end of the semester

NZ Grade	NZ Qualification	U.S. Grade
A + (Excellent)	1st Class	A
A (Excellent)	1st Class	A
A - (Excellent)	1st Class	A -
B + (Good)	2nd Class	B +
B (Good)	2nd Class	B
B - (Good)	2nd Class	B -
C + (Satisfactory)	Pass	C +
C (Satisfactory)	Pass	C
P	Un-graded Pass	Pass
Aeg	Aegrotat Pass	Pass
R	Restricted Pass	Pass
F	Un-graded Fail	F
D (Failure)	Fail (40-49%)	F
E (Extreme Failure)	Fail (0-39%)	F

DNC	Did Not Complete	F/No credit
WD	Withdraw	No credit

Student Support & Life

On-site orientation (length, items covered): The international orientation covers health and safety, academics, social, welcome dinner at end of the week. The information session includes social activities as well as information and advice sessions designed to assimilate international students into university study within the context of wider New Zealand culture. This takes place before the local orientation.

Students attending the Palmerston North campus MUST REGISTER for orientation using in the online form here: http://www.massey.ac.nz/massey/student-life/starting-university/orientation/orientation_home.cfm

Does institution have crisis management plan? (attach) Each area has an emergency ward; there are emergency gathering areas around campus, drills take place once/year

Give an example of how a situation of misconduct was handled: none recalled

What is the level of interaction between students and host country nationals? This is usually high – US students tend to be more outgoing, so their adjustment is not as great. Challenges seem to be more academic.

Excursions/activities (indicate additional fees): Student Services offer activities throughout the year, pizza evenings on various topics, info lunches; there are trips to Taupo, Wellington, Rotorua (students pay additional fees for trips)

Residence halls organize activities during the semester; there are competitions among halls.

Health/counseling facilities: Medical Centre is located in the Registry Building, Ground Floor. Outside medical fees must be paid up front, but students can receive 10 free counseling sessions

StudentSafe is Massey's default policy. Students are automatically charged for this policy when sent an Offer of Place, but this charge can be waived or refunded if an alternative policy is approved. Due to this, students going to Massey are not obligated to purchase the full ISEP insurance plan, although they MUST still purchase ISEP's supplement covering medical evacuation and repatriation.

Accommodation for students with disabilities: A specialist Disability Service ensures that the University learning environment is accessible, comfortable and supportive for those with special needs. Visit disability.massey.ac.nz for more information. Early notification of student's need is required.

Required/recommended vaccinations: none especially for New Zealand

Student societies: clubs days are held at the beginning of both semesters; see <http://musa.org.nz/clubs/>. There are three categories: cultural student associations, sports clubs and societies. There is something for everyone.

Sport/Recreation (indicate additional fees): rec center organizes outdoor trips; students can rent gear. There are courts, cricket and rugby pitches, dance studio, yoga rooms, spin rooms, dojo . . . there are various tiers of membership, from NZD 10 for one visit up to NZD 120/semester for full access with trainer.

Drinking policy: Students are allowed to store alcohol in their rooms, but drinking is only allowed in the common areas and on Thursday – Saturday nights

May students work? No

Opportunities for volunteer service: yes, through societies

Facilities on campus (banks, post office, etc.). All of these amenities are located at Student Central, the hub of student campus life.

Other:

An International Student Support team on each campus assists with accommodation, student insurance, visa arrangements, airport collection if requested, and organizes the introduction to Massey through the international student orientation programme, as well as providing ongoing student support throughout the year.

Housing

Application process: once admitted to Massey, students complete housing application, which is sent to student by the international office

Pastoral care is managed by Massey; food service, housing, etc. is managed by a private company. ISEP benefits are self-catered, but student can upgrade to catered and pay the difference

Damage deposit: NZD 350 at start of year

Options: There are five housing communities, comprising 12 different halls. Most are catered, 9 contain computer labs and three are alcohol-free. Most are single bedrooms with communal kitchens. A lounge is available in each hall. Laundry is free, and cleaners clean the kitchens twice per week.

Accessibility for wheelchair-bound students? All Massey campuses offer accommodation for students with physical disabilities.

May students remain in residence hall during breaks? Yes

If residence hall, are intl. & host country students mixed? Yes.

Are genders mixed? Catered halls are mostly mixed, except for two female halls; self-catered accommodation is mixed, but if enough of one gender request single gender, they will create a single-gender area

Is there a curfew? Quiet time at 10 PM, drinking alcohol is allowed Thursday through Saturday in the common area.

Internet access: yes **Additional fees:** NZD 20/month for wifi

Furnishings (linens, pillow, etc.): bedding pack can be purchased for NZD 99; students receive a cutlery pack for no charge

Avg. distance between institution and student housing: 5 minutes

How do students reach campus from housing: walking

Laundry facilities? In each hall **Costs?** free

Atmosphere of neighborhood where students live: campus

Safety information: 2-3 RAs in each hall, 24 hour swipe cards; manager is on call 24/7

Financials

<http://www.massey.ac.nz/massey/international/faqs/fees-scholarships-living-costs.cfm#livingcosts>

Tuition: Students pay Berry tuition

Housing: Semester 1 (fall): \$2700 Semester 2 (spring): \$2900 all in USD

Utilities: NZD 20/month for wifi

Do students pay additional housing costs during orientation? No

Housing deposit: \$350 (included in ISEP fee) **Is this refundable?** Usually, but refunds cannot be provided if you do not utilize the entire housing period, due to the fixed-lease contract arrangements.

Meals: a fully catered hall will cost about NZD 6000 per semester; see http://www.massey.ac.nz/massey/student-life/accommodation/manawatu/costs-and-pricing-information/costs-and-pricing-information_home.cfm for options

Other (lab, materials, computing fees): Students should allow approximately NZ\$150-180 per paper (class) for textbooks, which must be paid at the beginning of the semester.

Personal expenses (books, spending money, etc. – approximate): Approximately NZ\$500-800 per month, depending on the individual student's lifestyle. Palmerston North is generally a less expensive place to live than the larger cities of Auckland and Wellington.

Scholarship opportunities: See Education New Zealand, <http://www.enz.govt.nz/our-services/scholarships/generation-study-abroad-excellence-and-travel-awards>

Refund policy: see ISEP website

Student exchange possibilities (tuition waiver, etc.): Massey is an ISEP member

Other: Massey's Professional and Continuing Education program (PACE) can arrange customized short-term programs: http://www.massey.ac.nz/massey/learning/departments/pace/international-study-tours/international-study-tours_home.cfm

Something cool: Massey houses the New Zealand Indigenous Flora Seed Bank (NZIFSB), which aims to collect the seeds of New Zealand flora, to conserve the biodiversity within New Zealand's indigenous flora.

Many professional athletes study at Massey through their Academy of Sport. Their high performance coordinators liaise with a network of specialists in psychology, nutrition, and physical conditioning to optimise your sporting and academic careers. More than 40% of NZ's national Olympic team are either studying with Massey currently, or have done so in the past.