Overview

Through an agreement between Massey University and the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences (CALS) at Cornell University, CALS undergraduate students may apply to enroll directly in any field of study at Massey for a semester or a year. Students study alongside Massey students and are eligible to participate in the many activities sponsored by Massey and its student body.

This exchange program is open to undergraduate CALS students of sophomore or higher standing, and is awarded on first-come, first-serve basis. CALS students pay their current Cornell tuition with no additional fees. Housing, food, visa, travel, health insurance, books, and other personal expenses are paid separately.

Click here for general information about Massey University.

Information specifically for study abroad and international students.

Study Abroad Guide PDF

About Massey

Massey University is a multi-campus university with three campuses in the North Island of New Zealand at Auckland, Palmerston North and Wellington.

Students are able to transfer their studies easily from one campus to another each semester, if planning a year abroad. Students find this is a great way to experience different Kiwi lifestyles and to see New Zealand from another perspective.

The Auckland Campus

Auckland, New Zealand's largest cosmopolitan city of 1.3 million people, is an urban environment within close proximity of beautiful beaches, hiking trails and several stunning holiday islands. The city has a sub-tropical climate and a passion for outstanding culinary delights, wine and shopping. Known as the 'city of sails', Auckland is an excellent location to study for city and ocean lovers.

The Massey Auckland campus of approximately 7,000 students was established more than 15 years ago on the North Shore of Auckland city. This high-tech, modern campus has small class sizes, a large recreation facility, a community environment, and apartment-style student housing

Palmerston North Campus

Palmerston North is a provincial city of 80,000 residents in the heart of the Manawatu region. Fondly known as Palmy, the city is known for education and research excellence, and a vibrant student-focused community including free city-wide bus services for Massey students.

Located in the central North Island, the city is within close proximity of several west coast beaches, the Hawkes Bay and Wairarapa wine regions, skiing and snowboarding at Mt Ruapehu and is only a 90 minute drive to New Zealand's capital city, Wellington.

The Massey Palmerston North campus, set among beautiful park-like grounds, has a student population of around 8,500, more than 100 clubs and societies to join, 8 rugby fields, an equestrian centre, all-weather athletics track, and the convenience of on-campus accommodation.

Wellington Campus

Wellington, with a population of about 250,000, is the geographical, political and cultural centre of New Zealand. Located between a beautiful harbour and rolling green hills, Wellington offers an unforgettable city experience in a natural setting. Downtown is only two kilometres wide so the
many restaurants, sites of cultural interest and professional theatres can be explored easily on foot.

Festivals and events are a big feature of the city, a highlight is the bi-annual New Zealand International Arts Festival. The City is home to Te Papa; New Zealand's national museum, and also the Royal New Zealand Ballet, the New Zealand Symphony Orchestra, and National Opera.

The Massey Wellington campus is centrally located within a short walking distance of the cultural and entertainment precinct of the city. The campus is compact with the grand Dominion Museum building as it’s centrepiece, has a student population of around 4,500, and apartment-style student accommodation.

What do students say?

Jaclyn, Spring 2012 (Palmerston North Campus)
Lindsay, Spring 2012 (Auckland Campus)
Will's blog, Spring 2011 (Auckland Campus)
Ariel, Fall 2011 (Palmerston North Campus)
Rebecca, Spring 2010 (Palmerston North Campus)

You can also read what other international students have said about Massey here.

How to apply

You will apply to the exchange after meeting with the CALS study abroad and exchange advisor in 140 Roberts Hall. To review the Massey application procedure, please visit this site.

All application materials will be turned into the CALS Exchange Office—not directly to Massey.

Programs of study

Click here to learn about subjects available across the university, and specifically, which areas of study are available by individual campus.

Agriculture and Horticulture
Animal Studies
Arts and Humanities
Business
Communication, Journalism and Media
Design
Engineering, Technology and Construction
Fine Arts
Food and Nutrition
Information Technology and Computing
Kaupapa Maori
Land and the Environment
Languages
Music
Nursing and Health
Sciences
Social Science and Psychology
Social Work
Sport
Teaching and Education

See page 8 at http://www.massey.ac.nz/massey/fms//International to determine which subject are taught at each campus.

Classes (or "papers")

You'll call classes "papers" while you're in New Zealand. You can search for papers at Massey here: http://www.massey.ac.nz/massey/study/program-course-and-paper-search/paper.cfm

Sampling of Cool Classes

Coming soon!

Teaching methods

Coming soon!

Assessment and grading

Coming soon!

Study load

Exchange students must enroll in a full-time equivalent course load.

Academic calendar

When planning your program, keep in mind that the New Zealand academic calendar is different from Cornell's!

To see the full academic calendar, visit this site.

Housing

Students need to apply for university accommodation. You should apply for accommodation as soon as you receive your Massey University Offer of Place.

Types of accommodation at Massey

Massey University offers a range of quality housing and living options including Halls of Residence (on-campus), Flats and Apartments (off-campus) and Homestay (off-campus) accommodation. The on-campus housing include meal plans or self-catering (cook your own meals). The University-managed apartments are fully self-catered.

Campus accommodation options including a description of the facilities

The bedrooms are single person occupancy and include a bed and study desk with shared kitchen and bathroom facilities. A fridge, oven, cooking utensils, television and laundry facilities are also provided by the University.

To view the accommodation options at your intended campus, please visit: http://www.massey.ac.nz/massey/international/pre-departure-and-arrival-information/accommodation.cfm.

Frequently asked questions about housing can be found here: http://www.massey.ac.nz/massey/international/faqs/accommodation.cfm

If you wish to live in non-university housing, please inform the accommodation officer at your intended Massey campus of your intentions. Staff at each Massey campus are able to provide some support and advice for finding suitable private accommodation.
Student visa

For complete information about visas, please click here: http://www.massey.ac.nz/massey/international/pre-departure-and-arrival-information/student-visa.cfm.

Employment

Coming soon!

Health insurance

All International Students are required to be covered by appropriate and current medical and travel insurance as instructed by the Ministry of Education. The insurance must cover you for the duration of your planned period of study in New Zealand. You may choose to purchase the Studentsafe-University policy or an approved alternative policy.

To ensure you are satisfactorily covered for your study in New Zealand, Massey University has set some minimum insurance cover requirements. All polices must meet these requirements to be approved. You may download a list of the minimum requirements below.

Find out more about health insurance requirements here: http://www.massey.ac.nz/massey/international/financial-information/medical-and-travel-insurance/medical-and-travel-insurance_home.cfm

Arrival in New Zealand

Good information about arriving in New Zealand can be found here: http://www.massey.ac.nz/massey/international/pre-departure-and-arrival-information/arriving-on-campus.cfm.

Orientation program

The orientation program welcomes new International Students to their Massey campus and provides them with detailed information on living and studying in New Zealand at Massey University. Students participate in a number of workshops and fun activities which provides information and skills to make the transition to a New Zealand university as easy as possible.

Attendance at orientation is compulsory for all new International Students. The orientation program is held on each Massey campus and is scheduled to be held during the week prior to the commencement of classes.

Find out more about the orientation program here: http://www.massey.ac.nz/massey/international/pre-departure-and-arrival-information/orientation.cfm.

Financial aid

If you are currently receiving financial aid, your package will be adjusted based on your determined level of need and the projected costs for your exchange program.