NEW ZEALAND ADVISING GUIDE (SUMMER)

The USAC summer program in New Zealand is a Partnership program where you will be enrolled at and receive a transcript directly from the host university. USAC will assist in transferring those international credits back to UNR. Courses are subject to availability and approval of prerequisites, which are determined by the host university.

It is recommended that you get any courses you wish to take abroad pre-approved by your academic advisor—to request course descriptions or syllabi to assist with this process, email syllabus@usac.edu.

MASSEY UNIVERSITY PROGRAM DETAILS (NATIONAL EXPEDITION)

USAC’s partnership with Massey University’s National Expedition and Internship Program allows you to participate in a 2-week focused expedition (field study) throughout New Zealand with the opportunity to explore current issues specific to one of four different tracks through field visits, case studies, and engagement with local experts. This is followed by a 4-week internship placement that is accompanied by an intensive course of project work, journaling, reflections, and a learning portfolio.

The program offers four tracks: Agriculture and Environment, Communication and Marketing, Creative Expression and Digital Media, Disaster Risk and Emergency Management. All program tracks follow a similar academic structure and participants must be pursuing a major related to their specific track and have completed at least two classes at the 200-level or above in that area of study.

Regardless of track selected, you will enroll in two courses, each worth 15 Massey credits (approx.. 3-4 US semester credits each).

- Course one will be a 2-week field study centered around your selected topic
- Course two will be a 4-week internship centered around your selected topic

Agriculture and Environment
Through field visits, case studies, and engagement with local experts, you will gain an understanding of the intricate relationships between agricultural and environmental issues in New Zealand, and how these issues shape the everyday lives of Kiwis and the country as a whole. Throughout the expedition, you will benefit from on-the-ground expertise and guidance provided by Massey staff and will experience the laid-back and unique New Zealand culture, try new foods, and see parts of the country only open to locals.

Communication and Marketing
Through field visits, case studies, and engagement with local experts, you will examine the identity of the service-providing organizations and brands you encounter, assess the company's image, and identify how effectively they appear to communicate what they offer. Throughout the field study, you will benefit from on-the-ground expertise and guidance provided by Massey academic staff in-country experts and will experience the laid-back and unique New Zealand culture, try new foods, and see parts of the country only open to locals.

Creative Expression and Digital Media
Students in this track will explore the works of New Zealand’s most exciting contemporary writers, filmmakers, theatre practitioners and digital production companies. You will study creative writing, feature film, documentary, and community theatre, and produce original creative work in your preferred media and genre under the guidance of experienced faculty. You will also meet innovative practitioners working in these art forms, and the tour will include screenings and attendance at rehearsals and performances.

Disaster Risk and Emergency Management
Students in this track will explore and debate the world’s responses to significant hazards and emergencies and work with local experts and community groups to understand the context, consequences and management of risks. You will examine unique approaches to community-based emergency management in smaller towns, consider the complex risk, economic and social environment of thriving cosmopolitan cities, and experience firsthand the disaster risk, resilience and recovery of Christchurch and the Canterbury region.