Be proactive and start planning early! This guide contains information about the courses offered in the Hawke's Bay, New Zealand program. Students studying in New Zealand have access to Massey University curriculum and will be interacting with Wellington's local organizations through a two-week National Expedition Field Study and a four-week Agricultural and Environment internship.

This guide, along with your Academic Advising Report and the USAC catalog, provides the tools you need to plan and apply for a program. Involve your major/minor advisor as you choose a program and prepare for your time abroad so you do not prolong graduation. Course descriptions, photos, and more detailed descriptions of the program are available at usac.unr.edu.

How to Use This Guide

Be proactive and start planning early! This guide contains information about the courses offered in the Hawke's Bay, New Zealand program. Students studying in New Zealand have access to Massey University curriculum and will be interacting with Wellington's local organizations through a two-week National Expedition Field Study and a four-week Agricultural and Environment internship.

This guide, along with your Academic Advising Report and the USAC catalog, provides the tools you need to plan and apply for a program. Involve your major/minor advisor as you choose a program and prepare for your time abroad so you do not prolong graduation. Course descriptions, photos, and more detailed descriptions of the program are available at usac.unr.edu.

Top Reasons to Study Abroad

You will:
• gain new life experiences
• become more independent and flexible
• explore a new culture and live like a local
• broaden your worldview and find new perspectives
• make lifelong friends from around the world
• find out what is beyond your borders

This academic experience will enable you to:
• earn Massey University credit
• gain professional experience
• fulfill major and minor requirements
• learn from foreign experts in your field
• supplement your major by selecting courses not offered on campus

What’s the Next Step?

1. Meet with a study abroad peer advisor in the USAC office
2. Meet with your major/minor advisor to go over your long-term plans and your goals for study abroad
3. Consult the USAC catalog or website as you research your program options
4. Complete your application by the deadline
5. Apply for or renew your passport
6. Attend information sessions and workshops on topics such as financial aid, visas, and other useful information (ask the USAC office for more information).
7. Start packing!

University Studies Abroad Consortium (USAC)

Location:
Virginia Street Gym, first floor
(right next to Church Fine Arts)

Mail:
University Studies Abroad Consortium
University of Nevada, Reno/0323
Reno, NV 89557-0323

Web: www.unr.edu/study-abroad
Email: studyabroad@usac.unr.edu
Phone: 775-784-6569
You will enroll in two courses, each worth 15 Massey credits (approx. 3-4 US semester credits each). Courses are subject to minor changes resulting from on-going curricular review, faculty assignments, and program revisions.

- National Expedition Field Study: New Zealand Agriculture and Environment
- New Zealand Internship Experience

Field Studies
Field Study courses pair academic requirements (readings, writings, lectures, assignments, etc) to deepen your experience of carefully planned tours to help you explore the historical, cultural, and natural features of a region. The National Expedition Field Study takes place during the first two weeks of the program and provides students with the opportunity to explore current agricultural, environmental, conservation, and wildlife management issues while extensively traveling through the North and South Islands of New Zealand. 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.

Students will earn academic credit through Special Topic: Agriculture and Environment in New Zealand. This course consists of 150 learning hours and students will explore topics such as:

- Environmental implications of high country farming
- Eco and adventure tourism industries
- Impact of climate change on glaciers
- Viticulture and intensive farming
- Governance of agriculture and the Primary sector in New Zealand
- Flora and fauna of the volcanic region
- Maori culture and mythology
- Genetics and livestock improvement
- Environmental factors of the dairy industry
- Geothermal energy and natural hot pools

Assessment of the field study course is done on an ongoing basis through group discussions, activities, and online written assignments.

Internship
The final 4-week portion of this program involves a 120-160 hour internship placement which is accompanied by an intensive course of project work, journaling, reflections, and a learning portfolio. A foreign internship will enhance your resume and make you a more desirable applicant when you are competing for jobs in the future. Internships within family farms, agribusinesses, non-profit environmental organizations, wildlife sanctuaries, regional land management authorities, governmental departments, and wineries are all possibilities.

All students are guaranteed an internship placement. Our team will use the information you provide on our Internship Placement Form to match your skills and experiences with the range of opportunities available within the Hawke's Bay region.
Massey University – Areas of Study

Sample placements include organizations such as:

- Arataki Honey
- Hawke’s Bay Tourism
- New Zealand Game Birds
- Department of Conservation
- Hohepa Hawke’s Bay
- Pipfruit New Zealand
- Food Hawke’s Bay
- Lawsons Organic Farms
- Showgrounds Hawke’s Bay
- Havelock North Fruit Company Ltd
- Napier City Council
- Sileni Estates
- Hawke’s Bay Regional Council

Over the final days of the internship block course students will live in on-campus accommodation at Massey University’s Manawatu campus in Palmerston North. There, students will have the opportunity to complete their academic work, share their internship presentations, and reflect on their experiences in New Zealand.