New Zealand
UCEAP Advising Notes

Objective of the Advising Notes Document
This document is an advising tool written by a Berkeley Study Abroad adviser to review program specific
details that may impact a student’s decision to apply for an EAP program. The document is not a summary of
eligibility requirements, academic, housing, application and other logistical details freely available to students
on the UCEAP and BSA websites. The best source of detailed program information is always the UCEAP
Program Guide from the prior academic cycle. If any concerns you have are not addressed on the UCEAP
website, in the Program Guide or the Advising Notes document, please contact the BSA adviser for this
program.

RESOURCES

Advisor Contact Information
For BSA Adviser name, email and drop-in advising hours, visit http://studyabroad.berkeley.edu/advising

EAP Alums
EAP alumni are one of your best resources for information about the program. If you would like to be put in
touch with alums, simply send the BSA Adviser an email with your list of questions and the contact
information of returnees who have agreed to be contacted will be shared.

EAP Alum-Created Resources
Some of our returnees have created presentations to share with others. You can look at their work through
the Student Created Resource Google folder that we will continually update.
Carly Miller UCEAP New Zealand Alum also created a website as a part of her Gilman Scholarship follow-on
project.
https://carlypmiller.wixsite.com/nzstudyabroad-gilman

Guide to Host Universities in New Zealand
Resource created by UCEAP Campus Advisers UCEAP New Zealand Universities
Resource created by UCEAP Australia/New Zealand Study Center Abroad

Readings & Recommended Coursework
The more informed you are about the history and current affairs of New Zealand, the Pacific Islands and
Oceania in general, the more fulfilling your study abroad experience will likely be.
https://guides.lib.berkeley.edu/criticalpistudies
PROGRAMS
NEW ZEALAND UNIVERSITIES - FALL, SPRING, YEAR

Host Universities
UCEAP applicants can study at one of many prestigious partner universities in New Zealand. Previously students applied to a network of exchange partner universities referred to as the “New Zealand Universities” and rank their preferred locations (similar to applying to the UCs). Starting fall 2020, students will be applying directly to individual host institutions and programs.

Partner Institutions
- University of Auckland
- University of Otago (NZ semester 2 or UC fall only)
- Victoria University of Wellington
- Massey University (Wellington campus only- usually Arts-based education)
- University of Waikato (NZ semester 1 or UC spring only)

What are my chances being selected to the host university I apply to?
If the student is fully qualified, turn in a complete and thoughtful application by the deadline, their chances for being selected into their UCEAP program of choice is very likely. University of Otago has limited spaces due to the nature of the exchange agreement. If UCEAP is unable to offer a spot in the qualified applicant’s preferred location due to space limitations, it is likely that you will be offered a spot at an alternative location.

How do I choose between host institutions?
Choosing between the host universities in New Zealand will require some research. All host institutions have a range of disciplines and academic, co-curricular and extra-curricular opportunities to choose from. Like the research you conducted when applying to the UC system, each university will also differ in size, location and campus culture. To assist with this, please see the Google Slides on UCEAP New Zealand Universities.

We recommend that you carefully consider the following aspects of your host institution.

- **Academic fit**: It is important that you think about whether the host university you are interested in are a good match for your academic interests. Select host universities may have course restrictions for exchange students, so please examine those carefully choosing a university.
- **Special Opportunities**: internships, student groups, leadership programs may be unique to specific institutions
- **Non-academic concerns**: geographical preference, weather, relatives who live in a certain city, employment opportunities, etc.

Selection Timeline and Terminology
The UCEAP application goes through multiple steps. Students are “nominated” for the program by campus. The application is also reviewed by UCEAP systemwide office in Goleta, CA and then at our UC Student Center in Melbourne, Australia before they are forwarded and “referred” to the respective host institution in New Zealand. After students complete all necessary predeparture paperwork and procedures, their status will be changed to “placed.”

Academics
**Flexibility is important.** Keep in mind that the courses you find in the MyEAP Course Catalog or on the host university’s web site may not be offered the semester(s) you will be abroad. Oftentimes you will not have concrete information about what courses will be offered until a couple months before departure or even until upon arrival in New Zealand. Be prepared for the possibility that you will have to modify your plans.

How many courses/units will I take? Students are required to take a minimum of 14 units each semester. The usual course load is about four classes per semester, but this can vary by university and the specific courses selected.
Do New Zealand universities have “Fall” and “Spring” semesters? When researching courses on the host university web sites, be aware that “Semester 1” is the equivalent of Berkeley’s spring semester and “Semester 2” is equivalent to fall.

Which courses will transfer as upper/lower division? First year New Zealand courses (usually marked as 100 or 1000 level courses) are considered lower-division by UC, while second and third year courses (usually marked as 200/300 or 2000/3000 level courses) will translate as upper-division.

Third year courses are considered to be equivalent to fourth-year advanced courses at UC or even first-year graduate coursework in the US. Because these courses will generally require more previous knowledge than those at UC, if you are interested in taking a third year course, we recommend that you consult first with the UC Study Center Faculty Adviser in Australia.

Use the following Glossary of Academic Terms to make your course search on the host university web sites easier.

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