

# 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.

### Applications 2019-20

Berkeley Study Abroad uses a portal called [myapp.berkeley.edu](http://myapp.berkeley.edu) (often referred to as "Slate") UCEAP applications. The portal opens in October, which is when you will be able to start an application to see specific requirements relevant to your program of interest. The link below will provide detailed information about preparing for submitting a UCEAP application.  
<http://studyabroad.berkeley.edu/uceap-how-apply>

## 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](#)

## PROGRAMS

### NEW ZEALAND UNIVERSITIES- FALL, SPRING, YEAR

#### Host Universities

UCEAP applicants can study at one of the following partner university campuses in New Zealand. You will be asked to rank institutions in order of preference in your MyEAP application.

#### Partner Institutions

- University of Auckland
- University of Otago
- Victoria University of Wellington
- Massey University (Wellington campus only- usually Arts-based education)
- University of Waikato

#### Referral and Placement Process

Perhaps the most important feature of the New Zealand Universities program is that it involves applying to an exchange network as opposed to one particular university. As such, you will be asked to rank five of the New Zealand host universities in order of preference. As an exchange program applicant you need to be aware that space at your first choice of host university is not guaranteed.

Whereas the decision to select you for New Zealand Universities program is made by the campus study abroad office (i.e. Berkeley Study Abroad), the decision to refer and place you at a particular host university is made by the UCEAP Australia and New Zealand Resident Director based in Melbourne, Australia.

#### What are my chances of being placed at my first choice of host university?

The good news is that in the past, the majority of students have been placed at their first or second choice host universities. The placement decisions made by the UCEAP Australia and New Zealand Resident Director are based primarily on academic fit, but various factors can play a role:

- **Academic fit:** because your academic focus is the main criterion host university placement decisions are based on, it's important that you think about whether the host universities you are interested in are a good match for you academically. The [University of Auckland](#) and [Victoria University of Wellington](#) both have course restrictions for exchange students, so please examine those carefully before ranking your host university choices.
- **Non-academic concerns:** geographical preference, relatives who live in a certain city, employment opportunities, etc. are also taken into consideration to a limited extent
- **Popularity of host university:** many applicants to the program rank the University of Auckland or Univ. of Otago as their first choice. It is recommended that you seriously consider all of the universities available and encourage you to take the time to research all of your options before applying for the program.

If placement at any institution other than your first choice host university is not acceptable to you, you can consider an [independent study abroad](#) program or look into applying directly to the university.

#### 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](#).

#### Selection Timeline and Terminology

Selection into the New Zealand Universities program happens at the campus level. Your application is then forwarded to UCEAP and New Zealand for further review. The UC Study Center Liaison Officer will select your application for "referral" to a specific host university. The UCEAP office will then notify you via email to check your "referral" status on MyEAP (in late-March for fall programs and in August for spring programs). After students complete all necessary predeparture paperwork and procedures, their status will be changed to "placed." In almost all instances, your "referral" equals your "placement."

**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. Often times 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 are considered lower-division by UC, while second and third year 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 you will need to consult first with the UC Study Center Liaison Officer in New Zealand.

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

In the U.S....	In New Zealand...
Degree program or program of study	Course
Student handbook or university catalog	Calendar
Course	Paper
College or school within the university	Faculty
Units	Points