

# 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 a UCEAP 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. If any concerns you have are not addressed on the UCEAP website or in the Advising Notes document, please contact the BSA adviser for this program.

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<a href="#">University of Waikato</a>	X	X
<a href="#">Victoria University of Wellington</a>	X	X

### RESOURCES

#### Advisor Contact Information

The BSA Adviser for all New Zealand programs is Renee Camarena ([reneecamarena@berkeley.edu](mailto:reneecamarena@berkeley.edu)).

#### UCEAP 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.

### UCEAP 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](#)

UCEAP's [New Zealand Universities Comparison Chart](#) on the programs' Academic pages

### Readings & Recommended Coursework

Being informed about the history and current affairs of New Zealand, the Pacific Islands and Oceania can help create a more fulfilling study abroad experience.

<https://guides.lib.berkeley.edu/criticalstudies>

## PROGRAMS

### Host Universities

UCEAP applicants can study at one of many prestigious partner universities in New Zealand.

### What are my chances being selected to the host university I apply to?

For most UCEAP programs, if the student is fully qualified, turn in a complete and thoughtful application by the deadline, their chances for being selected into their program of choice are likely. However, many New Zealand program locations have capacity limitations due to the nature of the exchange agreement with the University of California system.

### Limited Capacity

All UCEAP New Zealand host institutions have capacity limitations in the fall semester except for University of Waikato.

The fall 2024 application opens on November 1, 2023 at 9am and the UCEAP application submission is the timestamp for consideration of admission to the program.

The spring 2025 application opens on April 15, 2024 and the UCEAP application submission is the timestamp for consideration of admission to the program.

Students may review the UCEAP application instructions and start preparing any required documents for upload prior to the opening date, but cannot start the application until it opens on Nov 1st at 9am. Be sure to submit the UCEAP application first, immediately followed by the submission of the BSA application (within 24 hours) for all programs. Students may work on their BSA application in advance, but cannot submit until it opens.

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 New Zealand location. We encourage students to keep an open mind about their host university in New Zealand.

### 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 Guide to New Zealand Universities in the Resources section above.

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.

### Nomination 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” and then “accepted” to the respective host institution in New Zealand.

### Academics

**Flexibility is important.** Keep in mind that the courses you find in the UCEAP 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 whom you will interact with prior to departure and meet at the on-site orientation.

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

## **Internship Opportunities**

The following host institutions offer internship opportunities through enrollment in a course. See course links for more information.

### **University of Canterbury:**

- [PACE 295/395 Professional and Community Engagement](#)
- Service Learning: [CHCH 101 Strengthening Communities Through Social Innovation](#)

### **University of Waikato:**

- [WSAFE396 Management Internship](#)