



NOTES OF GUIDANCE FOR YOUR EXCHANGE DESTINATION

Massey University, New Zealand

Fast Facts:

Website:	General university website Exchange student website
Language of instruction:	English
Semester dates:	Semester 1 (Semester 2 in New Zealand): July – November Semester 2 (Semester 1 in New Zealand): February - June
Number of students currently enrolled	>30,000
Campus choices	Massey University has three campuses located in Auckland, Palmerston North, and Wellington.
Academic restrictions at a glance <i>Please note: These are guidelines. It is your responsibility to research whether the partner provides appropriate courses for your degree programme.</i>	At Massey University inbound exchange students are unable to take Nursing or Veterinary Science courses. Social Work courses have limited availability.
General Costs	Estimated cost for the academic year is \$20,000 to \$25,000 NZD, not including the cost of flights. Cost of living is cheaper in Palmerston North than Auckland or Wellington so estimate is a guide only.
About the University	<p>Massey Auckland: New Zealand's most modern university campus, Massey Auckland caters to 7,000 students. Massey's innovative campus is known for its key business partnerships. The campus is just 20 minutes from the CBD of Auckland, New Zealand's commercial and economic centre and home to 1.3 million people. Sophisticated, multicultural and urban, Auckland has a pleasant climate, wonderful beaches and nearby islands to explore.</p> <p>Massey Palmerston North "Manawatū": Located in New Zealand's sixth largest city of 80,000, Massey's original campus (1927) has 10,000 students. Truly a Student City, Palmerston North is friendly and welcoming, and has a low cost of living, including free travel on city buses for Massey students. Surrounded by beautiful mountain range and rural scenery, "Palmy" is just two hours by car or train to</p>

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Wellington, and the International Airport offers regular flights to Auckland, Australia and the Pacific Islands.

Massey Wellington: Massey's creative campus of 4,500 students is centrally located in Wellington, Capital city, population 200,000. Compact and located on a spectacular natural harbour, Wellington is renowned with cafes, boutiques and a colourful nightlife.

What to expect

Application process

You apply for study exchanges through SWAY. You can find out more about our [study exchange routes here](#), and more about the [application process here](#).

After applying, if you are allocated an exchange place at Massey University, you will be officially nominated by the International Programmes Team. We will then provide you with your detailed application instructions. **You can ONLY apply to any exchange destination if you have been allocated a place there, and if you are officially nominated by us.**

Academics

For support with the academic side of your exchange, your best point of contact is your Exchange Coordinator, [found here](#). The Exchange Coordinator is a member of academic staff who will be a key contact throughout your exchange.

Academics	
Course Load and Credit Load	<p>You are normally required to take whatever constitutes a full academic credit or course load at your host university.</p> <p>The page linked below contains a copy of the International Exchange Credit Requirements. This outlines the number of credits you are required to take at your host institution. There are also more answers to frequently asked questions about the academic side of your exchange.</p> <p>Academic matters The University of Edinburgh</p>
Courses	<p>Search for courses to study at Massey</p> <p>Because you'll be coming to Massey from another university, you won't have completed the prerequisites for any of Massey's courses. If you want to take a course with prerequisites, you need to apply for Special Permission. You can do this in the student portal.</p> <p>Learn more about getting Special Permission</p> <p>**Please be aware, there may not be an up-to-date course catalogue available at this exchange destination. Please use the information available to get an idea about what you can study while on exchange**</p>

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<p>Orientation</p>	<p>Orientation is when we welcome you to Massey, and make sure you've got everything you need to make the most of your time here. Orientation is compulsory — this means you must attend it.</p> <p>Orientation is a chance to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • learn your way around your campus and city • find out what support you can get while you're here • get important information about life in New Zealand Aotearoa • meet other students from around the world. <p>Massey will email you information about orientation after you accept your Offer of Place. It's a good idea to arrive on your campus a few days before the programme starts, so you've got time to settle in.</p>

Accommodation

Finding accommodation that you are happy with on your year abroad is very important and there are often many aspects to consider when looking for somewhere to live.

Many host institutions do offer university accommodation but please do note, **this is not always guaranteed**. You may also need to pay for things like agent or administrative fees that is not always the case here in Edinburgh. It is a good idea to do your research so you do not have any surprises!

<p>University Accommodation</p>	<p>Living in Massey University accommodation while you're on exchange is the best way to meet other students and throw yourself into life on your campus. There are catered and self-catered options, so you can choose what's best for you. You can also live in a homestay as part of a family.</p>
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	<p>Some accommodation options fill up fast – so book yours as soon as you can.</p> <p>University accommodation webpage</p> <p>Halls of residence, apartments, and studio units</p> <p>Homestays</p>
Private Accommodation	<p>If you are considering private accommodation or flatting, flat sharing, please view Massey’s advice page here.</p>

Costs

It is important to budget for different expenses while on exchange. Your exchange destination may be more expensive than Edinburgh, and different expenses may be required. For example, rent may be higher; you might need to take public transport more; essentials may be more expensive or different, like sun cream in warmer climates or woolly socks in colder climates! These costs will add up so it is good to have an estimate of how much money you might need.

Tuition Fees	<p>While on exchange, you will continue to pay fees to the University of Edinburgh, as appropriate, and your fee status will determine how much you pay.</p> <p>Consult our webpage here and follow the link to consult the university's information on tuition fees for students studying abroad.</p>
Estimated Cost of Living	<p>See Massey’s estimated costs here. Keep in mind that the cost of living in Palmerston North is generally cheaper than Auckland or Wellington. Estimates are a guideline only and will differ between campuses.</p> <p>Consider using a site like Numbeo to help estimate the cost of living.</p> <p>On campus accommodation: Around \$8,000 to \$19,000 depending on the campus and whether catering is included. Palmerston North self-catered accommodation is the cheapest.</p> <p>Food if not in catered accommodation: ~\$500 per month (based on Numbeo estimate)</p> <p>Personal expenses: Varies depending on lifestyle, consider the cost of eating out, clothes, movie tickets, alcohol, public transport etc.</p>

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	<p>Visa costs: \$330</p> <p>Mandatory insurance: \$697</p> <p>Flights: Flights to New Zealand are incredibly expensive, especially if bought last minute. The estimated cost could be around £2,000-£3,000</p> <p>Estimated cost for the academic year: ~\$20,000 to \$25,000 NZD not including flights.</p> <p>You may also be required to pay for administrative fees at your host institution. This can include paying for your transcript to be sent to us at the end of your exchange.</p>
Insurance	<p>It's the law in New Zealand that all international students need to have travel and medical insurance.</p> <p>As an international student at Massey, you're automatically enrolled in Studentsafe insurance. You can pay for this when you accept your Offer of Place – you don't need to do anything else, unless you want to choose a different insurance policy.</p>
Student Loans and Grants	<p>Consult our funding webpages for more information about the Funding available to you through SWAY while on your year abroad.</p> <p>If you receive a student loan or grant, you may still be eligible to receive them during your exchange. Contact your funding providers for more information on the availability and eligibility of funding during your exchange, as well as any additional support they may offer. For example: some loan providers offer travel grants to students.</p>

Other

Passports	<p>Make sure that your passport will be in date for the entirety of your stay, and for any additional required time after the end of your exchange for entry requirements and visa purposes.</p> <p>If you need to apply for a new passport during the application process to your host institution, this may delay the application and visa processes.</p>
Visas	<p>The visa process will vary from country to country, and your own citizenship will influence the visa process you need to undertake. You must make sure to enter your host country on the appropriate visa.</p>

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	<p>You will need an exchange student visa if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • you're planning to study at Massey for more than three months • you're not a citizen or resident of New Zealand Aotearoa. <p>Massey provides more visa advice here.</p> <p>Here in SWAY we cannot give specific visa advice. Please research using the relevant embassy and government websites for more information. There is more information on our webpage about things to consider regarding visas here.</p> <p>Once you have received an offer from a host institution, you will be given more advice from them about the visa processes.</p>
<p>Disability Statement and Accessibility</p>	<p>Some destinations may be more accessible than others for disabled students. If you require any adjustments due to disability or specific learning difficulties or disabilities and you wish to study abroad please contact The International Programmes Team via email: international.outgoing@ed.ac.uk.</p> <p>We will work together with you to explore the help available at your host institution. It may also be helpful if you discuss this with your Personal Tutor and the Disability and Learning Support Service as well.</p>