



NOTES OF GUIDANCE FOR YOUR EXCHANGE DESTINATION

University of Auckland, 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	37, 000
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>	Courses that aren't available to exchange students are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nursing • Medicine, Surgery, Pharmacy and Optometry • Law is only available through a subject specific exchange agreement • Some courses in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Fine Arts, Architecture and Planning; ○ Business ○ Property ○ the Graduate School of Management ○ Stage I Engineering courses ○ Policy
General Costs (In NZD\$)	Living in Auckland can be expensive. The University of Auckland has a ‘Cost of Living in Auckland’ information page, where they estimate you could be spending around \$378 - \$462 a week on necessities during your exchange. This figure does not include the university’s mandatory health insurance (estimated insurance fee for 2023 is NZ\$375 per semester), visa costs, flights or transport.
About the University	The University of Auckland is New Zealand’s leading university with a broad range of undergraduate subjects. University of Auckland is located in the heart of Auckland, a 5 minute walk from the main street in downtown Auckland. It is old by NZ standards and has a quad area like George Square with a travel agent, bookshop, student

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job search and an International Student Information Centre.

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 the University of Auckland, 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.

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>Exchange students are considered “non-degree” students at the University of Auckland and are enrolled in the COPEX (Certificate of Proficiency for Exchange) programme.</p> <p>The Course Catalogue will give you a better idea about the courses available at the University of Auckland. The Syllabi for courses offered can also be found here. Students can select courses across different disciplines provided they meet the</p>

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	<p>prerequisites, and if the courses are not restricted. Help with these pages can be found here.</p> <p>The standard course load for full-time study is 50-60 points per semester (100-120 points per year). Most courses are weighted 15 points and students generally take four courses per semester. A standard semester course of 15 points represents 150 hours of study over 15 weeks (12 teaching weeks, 3 study-break weeks and examinations).</p> <p>The student workload in the teaching weeks is made up of lectures, tutorials, seminars, laboratory classes, and other face-to-face contact, plus independent study as appropriate for each course.</p> <p>You can find out more about teaching at the University of Auckland in their Academic Guide.</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>
<p>Academic Restrictions</p>	<p>Courses that aren't available to exchange students are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nursing is not available in 2023 • Medicine, Surgery, Pharmacy and Optometry • Law is only available through a subject specific exchange agreement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Part IV Advocacy, Mediation and Negotiation courses in the Faculty of Law • Courses for the full academic year • 100 level courses in Fine Arts, Architecture and Planning (unless they are majoring in this subject at a home university) • BUSINESS 111, 112 and 202 • PROPERTY 103 • Graduate School of Management courses running on a quarterly basis – e.g. BUSACT, BUSADMIN etc. • Courses ending with the letters F or H - e.g. HISTORY 91F or MAORIHTH 14H. • Stage I Engineering courses (ENGGEN 115, ENGGEN 121, ENGGEN 131, ENGGEN 140, ENGGEN 150, ENGSCI 111, ELECTENG 101, CHEMMAT 121) except for those ending in G • Policy 702 <p>Enrollment is limited for courses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • showing the letter “G”–e.g. PHYSICS107G • Psychology and Drama stage II & III courses • 700 level Finance and Accounting courses

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Orientation	<p>The Orientation Programme is mandatory for new international students as it provides helpful settling-in information and events. Orientation gives students a wonderful opportunity to meet each other and make new friends. Information about orientation is updated around two weeks before semester start.</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!

University Accommodation	<p>The University of Auckland offers a range of accommodation options for exchange students to suit your preferences and budget.</p> <p>University accommodation is a great way to immerse yourself in campus life as you adjust to a new environment. From single rooms in shared apartments to private studios, the host's self-catered and catered residences offer students the opportunity to live within a thriving campus community.</p> <p>Exchange students who want to apply for University Accommodation must do so online. Students are mostly placed in a single room at self-catering and mix-gender accommodation unless they request special arrangement to the office.</p> <p>University housing fees can vary from NZ\$5,263 to \$6,153 per semester. These fees include water, electricity, wifi and University Recreation Centre membership.</p> <p>Currently, University Accommodation is guaranteed to all incoming exchange students, as long as you submit an application by the priority consideration deadline. Please note this means you may need to apply before you are admitted to the programme, so please look into the implications of this, especially if you are expected to incur costs. Applications will still be considered after this time, however placements cannot be guaranteed.</p>
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	A deposit (currently \$900 NZD) will need to be paid when students accept the accommodation offer. You can find out how to apply online here .
Private Accommodation	Students looking for private accommodation can find out more advice on the University of Auckland website . They also have a guide on private rental costs .

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>														
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Insurance	<p>All enrolled international students are required to have approved health and travel insurance (regardless of the visa type) for the duration of their visa or until they depart New Zealand.</p> <p>The University of Auckland's preferred insurance policy for international students is Studentsafe-University. The Studentsafe insurance fee will be charged to a student's account 48-72 hours after enrolment. The insurance fee must be paid unless the University of Auckland approves the use of an alternative insurance policy.</p> <p>Studentsafe-University insurance cover starts 16 days prior to programme start date and ends on a student's arrival back in their country of origin, following completion of their course of study; or on the expiry of their current student visa, whichever is the earlier.</p> <p>The estimated Studentsafe insurance fee for 2023 is NZ\$375 per semester (NZ\$750 for the full academic year).</p> <p>Due to the Reciprocal Health Care Agreement between New Zealand and Australia, it is not mandatory for students with Australian citizenship or residency to be covered by the Studentsafe-University insurance policy. However, students are strongly advised to have appropriate health and travel insurance while studying in New Zealand as medical treatment often incurs a charge.</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>										

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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> <p>Exchange students must apply for "Exchange Student Visa" to Immigration New Zealand and obtain their student visa prior to entering New Zealand. You must not enter New Zealand on a visitor visa.</p> <p>Contact the nearest New Zealand embassy or consulate for details of visa and application requirements as they may vary country to country.</p> <p>No visas are required for a NZ citizen, a NZ permanent resident, an Australian citizen or an Australian permanent resident.</p> <p>Currently, Vaccination is required to travel to New Zealand and travellers must complete the traveller declaration and receive a Traveller Pass before they travel. For details, please visit the Unite against COVID-19 website.</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>
Employment	<p>Under current Immigration New Zealand regulations, only exchange students who are undertaking a full-time study for least one academic year are able to work on a student visa. Eligible students will automatically be given the work right of a maximum of 20 hours in any given week, including holidays.</p>

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	<p>Exchange students who are studying here for one semester only, are not allowed to work on a student visa and are therefore not eligible to apply for a variation of conditions to their student visa.</p> <p>Full details of visa requirements and work rights are available on the Immigration New Zealand website. Work restrictions are stated on the Student Visa application guide.</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>