

NEW ZEALAND

HOST UNIVERSITY

Massey University (on New Zealand's North Island)

- Agricultural and Horticultural Subjects
- Social Anthropology/ Maori Studies
- Geography and Resource Planning

WORLD WIDE WEB

Massey University: <http://www.massey.ac.nz/~intlstud/>

SUBJECTS AVAILABLE

Agricultural and Horticulture, Geography and Resource Planning, Social Anthropology and Maori Studies. Other fields are not available to students applying through IP.

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Course titles are listed in the IP Bulletin (on the IP website). In addition, World Wide Web addresses included in the IP Bulletin provide students with detailed course descriptions.

Courses in the schools of veterinary medicine are NOT open to CSU students. Pre-vet students are limited to courses in animal science.

Specific academic advising takes place once the students are in New Zealand, so students must maintain flexibility in their program planning. Students should establish a means of communication with their home campus advisors (e-mail or fax) before they go so that they can check in and determine course equivalencies as they are planning their course schedules in New Zealand.

The normal course load is four courses per semester (equating to 16 units). Students are not allowed to take fewer. Graduate coursework is not available.

ORIENTATION

Students selected to participate in the New Zealand program will be mailed a welcome packet that will include details about the university's orientation program for international students. Massey has a one-week orientation program. Participation by CSU International Programs students is mandatory. The welcome packet will also give students advice about making flight arrangements, as well as information about how to request an airport pick-up by host university staff.

CULTURAL ADJUSTMENT

The people of New Zealand are friendly towards Americans and foreigners in general. Oftentimes, they have a pre-conceived idea of what "Yanks" are like, usually based entirely on American television programs. Students might be hassled about being a "Yank" and people may want to have heavy discussions with them about America. Students should read up on current events in the U.S. and in New Zealand so that they will be able to participate in the discussions intelligently. Knowledge of New Zealand will help you get things started off on the right foot.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

There is no CSU Resident Director in New Zealand. Instead, IP students work directly with the exchange program office at their host university. Students will receive a welcome packet from their host university announcing the orientation program and giving them instructions about housing, registration, arrival, and other such matters.

The New Zealand program is extremely competitive. Applicants who do not meet (and even exceed) program requirements should be encouraged to list a second choice (within the same cycle of programs).

Massey University is on New Zealand's North Island.

Composed of three main islands (the North Island, the South Island, and Stewart Island), New Zealand is about the size of Oregon.

Because of the reversal of seasons, the academic year runs from February through November.

One very important thing to know about New Zealanders (if you don't know it already) is that most of them spend Saturdays playing or watching sports. Rugby is New Zealand's national game and has a tremendous following!

Refer students to the World Wide Web pages for more information about Massey University (above).

All applicants should apply for a passport at the same time they apply to the IP Program.

HOUSING

The host institution will assist students in making housing arrangements in either the residence halls or other local accommodations. Residence halls feature private rooms with shared bath and kitchen facilities.

All students must use online application to apply for university housing

For information about the halls of residence at Massey University, see the following website: <http://www.massey.ac.nz/services/halls.htm>.

CALENDAR (APPROXIMATE DATES)

Application deadline	May 1
Notification of acceptance	Mid August
Program Start	Mid February
Program End	Mid November