

Destination: Lincoln University
Exchange period: VT 2017

Choice of the destination and courses:

I chose from the list of central agreements with Umeå University. I took language, country and University into account when I chose from the list.

Describe shortly the preparation process before the departure:

It is important to have a valid passport in the beginning of the preceding semester as you will need it for the Visa application which can take time.

Contact with receiving institution:

I had very good contact with my hosting University throughout the whole application process and at my stay there, but I know that not all Universities are as good so make sure you have plenty of time for the application and don't start it at the last minute, you will have questions along the process.

Support from Umea University:

Once I got my nomination it was up to me to check deadlines and the application process. However, I got the documents I needed from them fairly quickly when I asked for it.

Arrival information:

Yes, there was a orientation week for all new students.

Accommodation arrangements:

I arranged accommodation through the University and lived in one of their houses on campus.

Transportation:

By bus. The prices are low compared to Sweden

Budget:

The accommodation costs are pretty high in New Zealand but the transportation and food is a bit cheaper.

Social activities:

The University arranged some activities for exchange students but not as good as Umeå's Buddy programme.

Recommendation :

If you are planning on travelling on the weekend its a good place to go but it can be a bit too small if you are planning on staying on campus and the short surroundings for the whole semester.

Practical things to think about:

General information about academia:

The biggest difference compared to the system in Umeå is that you read all courses at once, not one or two as you do here in Umeå. The weighting of assignments and exams are also a bit different. In the courses I took, the weighting of the final exam was only maximum 40% of the final grade.

Courses attended

Course 1:

Course 2:

Course 3:

Course 4:

Course 5:

Additional Courses:

Did the university provide language courses? Could you receive ECTS points for them? What was your experience of such course?

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