

**1. Your program of study (courses, assignments, course format). Add the exact number of class hours per course.**

I do not have the specific program in the University of Waikato, but I just took whatever courses related to my program in the University of Ottawa, which is International Management. I took four courses here, namely THMGT203, MRKTG101, FNTEC101, and MGSYS101.

**THMGT203** is about Toursim and Hospitality Enterprise Management. One lecture a week, which is 3 hours long, and no tutorial provided. No exams, tests or group works for this course, only weekly feedback, a report of your own business plan, and do the presentation for your business plan. This paper examines contemporary trends in the management of operations and service in the toursim and hospitality enterprise, strategies for hospitality human resource, ethics, business sustainability and environmental responsibility. Activities, videos, and discussion questions will take place after the lecture, on the previous week's topic, during the timetabled three-hour lecture. Topics for this course include Managing Tourism and Hospitality Enterprise Strategically, Developing a Service Culture, Environmental analysis, Planning the service delivery system and functional level strategies, Business level strategy, Managing financial resources, Going global: challenges and issues, Implementing strategies and organising operations, and Social, environmental and ethical responsibilities.

**MRKTG101** is about Fundamentals of Successful Marketing. One lecture and one tutorial every week, both of them are 2 hours long. No exams, but there are a quiz every week about the lecture. There are also individual and group assignments from tutorial every week. This course focuses on the role of Marketing in business, introducing students to marketing research, consumer behaviour, and analysis, as essential tools for developing brand positioning strategies that create value. By the end of the course students should be able to: Explain the fundamental terms, concepts and applications of marketing. Identify and categorize the factors that drive value through applying the marketing process. Explain the results of marketing concepts and marketing-related decision making in examples of organizations and commercial settings. Apply market segmentation and data to identify target markets in New Zealand. Present planning criteria for market positioning through the application of the marketing mix. Communicate marketing planning decisions and results of basic analysis using correct terminology and concise, accurate business English.

**FNTEC101** is about the Introduction to Fintech. It 2 hours lecture and 1 hour tutorial for each. 1 midterm exam and 1 final exam during lecture time, and during tutorial we should do the group presentation based on the previous week's lecture. There are also 1 final project, which is answer the questions given based on the lecture for the whole semester. This course exposes students to this fast-growing and exciting intersection between finance (Fin) and technology (Tech) while emphasizing the role data and analytics play. The course is structured around three main FinTech areas: (i)

Lending/Banking services, (ii) Clearing (iii) Trading. It provides specific coverage and examples of developments from (1) market-place lending, (2) blockchain and distributed ledgers, (3) quantitative trading and its use of non-standard inputs. In each of these areas, we start by analysing the marketplace, the incumbents, and then proceed to analyse the impact of the most relevant technologies have on the business.

**MGSYS101** is about Digital Business and Supply Chain Management. 3 hours lecture and 2 hours tutorial every week, but the tutorial is not mandatory. It has 3 tests and 6 assignments. It explores the concepts of Digital Business and Supply Chain Management, their increasing influence on management practice, and their interconnectedness. Topics include Introduction to Digital Business, Big Data and Business Analytics, Digital Workplaces and Enabling Technologies, Technological Convergence, Future Trends in Digital Business, Test Review, Introduction to Supply Chains, and Supply Chain Integration, Supply Chain Strategies, Future Supply Chains.

All these courses will be delivered as a FLEXI paper. This means that your learning can be done both face-to-face (on campus) and online, giving you lots of flexibility regarding where and how you learn during the trimester. For the online classes, the professors will record everything and post it on the Waikato Moodle (it is the same as our Brightspace). All these courses start from July 8 till the Mid of October, which will be 11 weeks in total, and all the exam results will be posted before November 3 for the Fall Semester, but here they call it B term.

Based on my personal experience, I would recommend student who will go this university to take **THMGT203** it was the best course I have ever took in both University of Ottawa and here. It combines all business-related knowledge, and it was really interesting and useful, and somehow easy to do. I personally love it and enjoyed every lecture.

## **2. The timetable (academic calendar, registration dates, orientation, beginning and end of classes, exams, holidays, number of semesters, etc.).**

Every year may be a slight different but The University of Waikato's academic calendar for 2024 is structured around a trimester system with three main teaching periods, along with breaks, exams, and holiday observances. Here are the key details:

### *Academic Trimesters and Orientation*

**Trimester A** is from 26 February to 21 June 2024. Orientation activities begin the week of 19 February, providing an introduction to the university, support services, and academic advice for new students. **Trimester B** is from 8 July to 1 November 2024. Orientation for new students is scheduled during the week of 1 July. **Trimester C** is from 11 November 2024 to 14 February 2025, with classes continuing into the next year. Orientation starts on 4 November 2024 for students enrolling in this period.

### *Breaks and Holidays*

Between Trimesters A and B: 24 June to 5 July 2024. Between Trimesters B and C: 4 November to 8 November 2024. At the end of Trimester C: 17 February to 21 February 2025. Public holidays are very different from Canada include:

- New Year's Day (1 January)
- Waitangi Day (6 February)
- Good Friday (29 March)
- Easter Monday (1 April)
- ANZAC Day (25 April)
- King's Birthday (3 June)
- Labour Day (28 October)
- Christmas and Boxing Day holidays from 25-26 December, leading into the summer break.

### *Examination and Assessment Periods*

Exams are held towards the end of each trimester, typically in the final two weeks. Trimester A exams are scheduled from 10 to 21 June 2024. Trimester B exams take place from 14 October to 1 November 2024. Trimester C exams run from 3 to 14 February 2025. Assessment submission deadlines and practical tests may be held throughout the teaching weeks, especially in programs that include lab work or field studies.

### *Registration and Enrollment*

Course registration and enrollment usually open several months before each trimester. Trimester A registration starts in late 2023. Trimester B enrollment begins around May 2024. Trimester C students can enroll starting from September 2024. Late enrollment is permitted but may incur additional fees. Specific deadlines for adding or dropping courses are communicated to students each trimester. It is pretty much the same as our university.

- 3. Procedures to follow upon arrival. List and description of services offered by the International Exchange Office of the host institution. Registration and course selection. Social activities.**

When you arrived, the first thing will be go to the student center, which is inside the library to pick up the welcome bag and register from the desk. Inside the welcome bag, they provide the SIM card that you can use in New Zealand, the bus card called Bee Card, which is the same as our Upass but you need to put money into the card by yourself in the student center or transport center in downtown or do it online. I would recommend you to do it in the student center, which is the fastest and safest way. Inside the bag it also has some books that introduce the city of University of Waikato named Hamilton, the funny thing is it has the same name with our Hamilton in Canada but the view and the vibe are totally different, you will see once you arrive.

The dormitory is guaranteed, I think it will be the best choice for us because we only stay for a semester, and do not know anyone here. It is the most safe and convenient choice, but a bit expensive compare with the place outside campus with the same quality. If you do not know how to cook, I recommend you to live in the inclusive place, which will include 3 meals, it is 1/3 size of our cafeteria in University of Ottawa. If you are fine with cook, you can just choose self-care place like me, I was living in the dormitory on campus named Orchard Park, which is 1 minute walk from the management school. You will see all the details from the accommodation website provided by the University of Waikato once you apply.

#### **4. Budget outlining the cost of studying abroad (i.e. airplane tickets, housing, vacation and daily travel costs, textbooks, meals, etc.).**

For the budget, it is really depends on people. For myself, I was live in China and I fly from Beijing at the end of June, it costed me about CAD 1000 after tax and everything. You will need to take the carpool from Auckland to Hamilton if you take the international flight, but the good news is the school will pay for it as long as you arrive during the welcome week (you will receive the email from school). For the ticket back to China at the beginning of November, it just costed me around CAD 200, so it was depends on the date. I do not know about Canada but I guess will be more expensive.

For the house, it will be around NZD 200 to NZD 500 weekly but depends on the place you live. For me, I lived in Orchard Park which was NZD 250 per week, include everything.

For the vacation, everything is exactly the same as Canada but just change CAD to NZD. And the transport tool will be mostly the bus, for example from campus to downtown will be NZD 2.8 with Bee Card.

For the meals is exactly the same as Canada but just change it too NZD. As well as the supermarkets.

#### **5. Application procedures before your arrival (visa deadlines, documents required for visa, course registration, housing deposit, etc.).**

Visa deadlines is dependents on the date you plan to come, but I think the earlier the better. For me it took a week from apply till I got the student visa, but the official website of Immigration of New Zealand said it will take one month in average. For the documents require, it is depends on the personal situation, you will see once you apply. The course registration was already been answered. About the housing deposit, if you live on campus, it will be 0, but outside it will be one or two month rent, just like Canada.

#### **6. Address and description of housing. Cost of housing.**

I was living in the dormitory on campus named Orchard Park, which is 1 minute walk from the management school. It has 4 bedrooms with single king size bed, 1 bathroom, a living room with 2 small sofas and a table with 4 chairs, and a kitchen, all the equipment is provided. It is very safe, duty phone 24/7 and managers in the office during weekdays. There are also a REC room, music room, laundry room and computer room in the community. It is NZD 250 per week, and it is the cheapest one among all dormitory.

#### **7. Other comments or recommendations.**

The seasons are opposite from Canada but warm in general, even in the winter, it was warm in the noon, just cold in morning and night. No snow in winter, just rain a lot so do not forget the umbrella. I recommend you to bring the clothes for all the seasons because the temperatures change many times during a day. I got flu for three time because of the weather difference during the day, because I did not wear the proper clothes.

#### **8. Add a description of about five to seven sentences summarizing your experience..**

I am blessed that I got the chance to come to the University of Waikato for 4 months. The campus is very beautiful with lots of flowers, trees, lakes, and small animals, and the street is clean that lots of people can walk without shoes. I felt like its more like a park other than a university. People here are all friendly, chill, and peaceful. I felt super safe as an Asian girl far away my country, I had the sense of belonging which is not a easy thing. The Maori culture is nice and good to know, they have the performance often, about their traditional dance and songs. It was the best experience ever, everything here is lovely, I will never forget.