

Eligibility	VISA	Study Period	Language of Instruction	Type of Housing	Approximate semester dates	LHU partner since	Cost of Living
Only LHU students; Minimum GPA 2.5	Yes	Fall and/or Spring	English	Residence Halls/ Homestays, and off-campus apartments	Fall: late July – end Nov. Spring: late Feb – end June	2010	Accommodation: NZ\$4,000-5,000 Books: NZ\$500 Miscellaneous: NZ\$2,000

NEW ZEALAND

Unitec Institute of Technology

<http://www.unitec.ac.nz/>

The Location

Auckland has been consistently ranked as one of the 5 most livable cities in the world – with its stunning natural landscapes and meticulously designed environments that offer a perfect balance of outdoor adventures and urban amenities. Auckland enjoys mild year-round weather. The warmest months are December, January and February, and the coldest June, July and August. In summer, the average maximum temperature ranges between 20-30°C and in winter, between 10-15°C. Auckland is also the fastest growing region in New Zealand in the areas of economics and population. It has an estimated resident population of 1,459,700 (Statistics New Zealand, 2010), the majority of which is made up of European settlers (63 percent), Pacific Islanders (13 percent), indigenous Māori (11 percent), and Asians (12 percent).

The University

Unitec has been a leader in applied tertiary education for 30 years. From small beginnings, the university has evolved into a dynamic and innovative institution that is redefining what an Institute of Technology should be. In 1976 the Carrington Technical Institute, as Unitec was then known, enrolled its first students - 200 full-time and 300 part-time students. In 1987, Unitec became known as Carrington Polytechnic. The name change helped describe and classify its style of education. In 1994, Carrington Polytechnic became the Unitec Institute of Technology. This change highlighted the "best of both worlds" found on campus - the mix of the best attributes of a university with those of a polytechnic, a mix the university is still proud of today. With over 23,000 students from more than 80 countries choosing to study at one of Unitec's four campuses each year, the university is well on its way to achieving this aspiration.

Academics

Courses available to LHU students participating in the Unitec-LHU exchange program include Accounting, Business, Communication Studies, Health and Natural Sciences, Education, Art and Sports Studies. Course information is available in the IIS.

Housing

LHU students attending Unitec will have the opportunity to choose the type of housing that best fits their needs and preferences. Students may choose to live in an on-campus accommodation, live with a Kiwi family (homestay), or rent an apartment.

There are two types of on-campus accommodation available. The options range from studios to five-bedroom apartments which are all self-catered. For the latest information about on-campus accommodation including the application form and cost visit www.accommodation.unitec.ac.nz

Living in homestays is a great way to experience kiwi life; students have their own room within the home of a kiwi family and get two meals a day during week days and three meals a day during weekends. The homestay information and application form can be found at www.accommodation.unitec.ac.nz

Air Travel – students are responsible for making their own travel arrangements. Please see the Center for Global Engagement for assistance.

Tuition -. LHU students have a visiting/fee paying program with UNITEC. Students are charged study abroad fees from UNITEC which are approximately \$11,016NZD/semester.

Please note, however, that it will be necessary to pay for activities such as athletic club memberships, if you wish to utilize those services.

Non-LHU students – LHU/VUNITEC exchange is open only to LHU students.

Academic Calendar

Spring term begins with one day orientation which is usually the Wednesday before the semester starts. Semester one classes begin late February and end in June.

Fall term begins with a one day orientation which is usually the Wednesday before the semester starts. Semester two begins late July and ends in November.

Health Insurance

International students are required to have a valid medical and travel insurance policy for the duration of their stay in New Zealand. Unitec is able to offer a full and cost-effective policy through Uni-Care. Details can be found at www.uni-care.org .

So, how do I get started?

Simply come by the Center for Global Engagement to pick up an application form. Remember! Applications are due March 1 for the fall term and October 1 for the spring term.