

Study Abroad

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Nelson, New Zealand





Welcome to Nelson, New Zealand

Nelson Marlborough Institute of Technology (NMIT)

- Established in 1905 as one of New Zealand's first public tertiary education institutes.
- New Zealand Qualifications Authority Category 1 institute (highest level).
- Small class sizes.
- Real world experiences, connect with industry and study in the field.
- Study in a range of classes with local Bachelor's Degree students.

Nelson city

NMIT's main campus is located in Nelson's vibrant city centre, taking up a whole city block!

You'll join around 6,000 other students who have also chosen to study in Nelson at NMIT. Nelson is known for its festivals, markets and outdoor lifestyle.

- The region is home to approximately 115,000 residents, with an increase of over the summer season!
- New Zealand's aquacultural and horticultural centre.
- Five minutes' walk from campus to both shopping and the great outdoors!

Nelson region

When you think of New Zealand, you may think of beautiful scenery offering amazing outdoor adventures. Nelson region is the true embodiment of this vision of New Zealand! Experience the golden sand beaches, sea kayaking beautiful blue waters, and walking and biking green forested hills in the region's National Parks.

Did you know?

Our region has the highest sunshine hours in New Zealand!



Student Association


SANITI is your independent student association and is a registered charity, owned by students. While having close ties with NMIT, we are completely independent, unbiased and confidential in our support. We play a crucial role in enhancing the overall student experience.

- Advocacy - if you are having any issues as part of your studies and need someone to stand alongside you.
- Wellbeing - support with dealing with stress, mental health, personal issues, budgeting, and tenancy issues.
- Representation - as a voice for students, we facilitate the programme representatives and have an elected student executive.

- Support with job applications, interviews and finding employment.
- General - enquiries, enrolment, withdrawal, and anything else - we will try our best to find the answers for you.

We run lots of free and fun events across all campuses, trips for international students and online competitions.

SANITI

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Study Abroad subjects

NMIT offers bachelor's degree level studies to Study Abroad students in the following majors. Most courses are worth 15 credits, and you must study at least three courses. Four courses is an average workload that is 60 NMIT credits (30 ECTS / 15 US Semester Credits).



Art, Design and Media

Nelson is a national hub of art, design and media with more than 300 working artists in the city. Study various facets of art and design in more than 30 courses taking the NMIT approach to learning of engaging you with community art research.



Business

NMIT's largest academic department offers 40+ courses across three major subject areas: Marketing, Management & Accounting. The Nelson region has a diverse, and growing economy. It is a place where clever businesses flourish, making it an ideal place to study!



Digital Industries

30 courses with a real hands-on approach to studies in: Systems architecture, databases, software and systems, web design and development, cloud services, networking and security, virtual reality, animation & visual effects.



Social Sciences

Learn about social work and counselling within a New Zealand context. You will learn how elements of New Zealand society's bi-culturalism and colonial past informs current practice within these fields. This is your opportunity to truly engage with the culture of New Zealand!



Sports and Kinesiology

On campus you will have access to the most up-to-date exercise science and physiology lab in the northern South Island, and your own gym. Easy access to modern city sports facilities and the famous outdoors of the Nelson region ensure you will have an excellent study experience with NMIT!



Civil Engineering

Learn about civil engineering in New Zealand by taking electives that specialise in roading, highways, traffic, structures, water, waste and surveying. Our NMIT tutors work with local industry to provide students with real world experiences as part of this programme.

Māori and Indigenous Studies

NMIT offers two courses each year which will deepen your understanding of indigenous cultures by exploring social work practices and theory. You will have the opportunity to experience a noho marae stay (overnight stay in traditional gathering place for Māori) available in each of the following courses:

- BSK505 Te Pū (Semester 1)
- BSK504 Intro to Professional Practice (Semester 2)

Taste of a Degree

If you have finished high school but haven't yet enrolled in a university/ college in your home country, you might like to study for a few months in New Zealand at NMIT! You will be able to take our introductory classes across the range of subject areas outlined on this page.

You may just find a subject that you are truly passionate about. Let us help you find your ideal career path!



View full course lists at
nmit.ac.nz/studyabroad

Stand-alone programmes



Viticulture and Winemaking (Marlborough Campus)

1.5 hours' drive from Nelson is NMIT's small niche campus for wine. This is a standalone Study Abroad experience where you live in the city of Blenheim and only take courses in viticulture and winemaking. The Marlborough region produces 78% of New Zealand's grapes for wine and is the home of the acclaimed New Zealand Sauvignon Blanc variety. If studying in our February – June semester you may include a course that allows placement in a winery to produce your own vintage!



Adventure Tourism

Spend a full year in the outdoors with NMIT's adventure tourism programme. In this programme no two weeks are the same, your classroom is the diverse wilderness area of the top of the South Island. During the programme you will get the chance to experience:

- Rafting
- Kayaking
- Hiking/Tramping/Bushwalking
- Snowboarding or skiing
- Rock climbing
- Canyoning



Marine Science

With Australasia's largest deep sea fishing port and 70% of New Zealand's aquaculture industry, Nelson is the ideal place to study marine science.

Our courses aim to include weekly field trips, and you also have the option to complete an industry internship for credit!

NMIT Nelson Campus



What's it like studying abroad with NMIT in Nelson?



"I wanted to discover a country that is working in the right way for the environment and the people so New Zealand was my choice to study one semester abroad. As English is not my first language I wanted to study in a native English speaking country that is safe for everyone, especially women travelling on their own. New Zealand was a great opportunity for me to discover myself at the other end of the world. After seeing how kind people are I don't regret my choice of NMIT."

Svenja Idel, Germany/France

"Time passes when you have fun, it's a nice saying that I can absolutely use for my time in New Zealand. Studying abroad is a great opportunity for everyone to become independent, get to know new cultures and countries and see different types of learning around the world with new career ideas. I was positively surprised by the fantastic learning opportunities here at NMIT and the interactive courses with the practice-oriented application. I enjoyed all my courses very much and am glad that I could be there."

Markus, Germany



"I'm not used to having a personal relationship with any of my professors, so it's been wonderful to get to know each tutor individually. They're always so willing to help and share their time, and I've really loved all their insights and vast knowledge. I've learnt to focus on the big ideas and the important things. Studying at NMIT has been a fantastic opportunity to grow, gain practical skills, and experience a supportive and inspiring learning environment."

Kaija Dybdahl, USA

"New Zealand has great diversity of natural environments, some parts are like Norway and then places near Nelson, like Kaiteriteri and Abel Tasman National Park are like tropical places. We had great teachers at NMIT, they were friends as well as teachers which inspired us to work hard."

Jørgen Sovre, Norway





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Accommodation

NMIT has two main providers of accommodation. Each offer a different living experience, level of service and price point.

- **Nikau Apartments** (pictured) is located on our Nelson campus. Live with others in a one, two, three or four bedroom apartment. You will have own private room and share common areas with those in your apartment. nikauapartments.co.nz
- **Homestay** live with a local family. Catered and non-catered options are available. students.nmit.ac.nz/te-tautoko-akonga-student-support/accommodation/

Note: We advise applying for accommodation as soon as possible, even before your study abroad application is submitted, to avoid missing out.

Estimated living costs for one semester

Student Services Levy	\$135
Stationery and textbooks (approx. depending on programme)	\$150
Accommodation (Based on 20 weeks at Nikau Apartments with three bedrooms)	\$5,400
Medical and Travel Insurance	\$440
General Living Expenses	\$3,875

TOTAL

NZ \$10,000

Key dates 2026

Semester 1

- **Semester one start** 23 February
- **Semester one mid term break** 6 - 17 April
- **Semester one exams end** 3 July

Semester 2

- **Semester two start** 20 July
- **Semester two mid term break** 28 September - 9 October
- **Semester two exams end** 27 November

Make sure your flights arrive before the start of the semester and your return flights are after the semester ends.

Entry requirements

For students coming to NMIT from our partner institutes: In general, if you have your home institute's approval to study at NMIT we will likely approve you to study with us. For all other students we expect you to have above average grades at your home institute.

In addition, English requirements must be met. Details of English proficiency evidence for students from Germany, Norway, Sweden, Finland, Denmark and the Netherlands are listed below.

- **Denmark** – Studentereksamen English A grade 7 or English B grade 10
- **Finland** – Ylioppilastutkinoto or Studentexamen, English Language grade 5 (0-7 grading scale). Upper Secondary School Certificate English A or English A Language grade 8 (4-10 grading scale).
- **Germany** – Abitur English Language grade 3 (1-6 grading scale) or grade 10 (1-15 grading scale). DaaD test B2 in all three sections.
- **Netherlands** – Voorbereidend Wetenschappelijk Onderwijs (VWO) (Gymnasium A/B and Atheneum A/B) Diplomas (university preparatory education). English Language grade 9 (0-10 grading scale)
- **Norway** – Vitnemal English Language grade 4 (1-6 grading scale)
- **Sweden** – Hogskoleforberedande examen English 6 grade C

For students from all other countries, please refer to our website for more details:

nmit.ac.nz/study/apply/entry-requirements