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Congratulations on participating in the University of Michigan’s program in New Zealand through the EcoQuest program at the University of New Hampshire. This information explains how the program will work for you as a U-M student and should be read in conjunction with the CGIS General Handbook, which was given out at the U-M General Orientation meeting, and the EcoQuest’s Academic and Field Centre Handbooks.

Please take these handbooks and supplements with you when you leave for your program. Electronic copies of your CGIS General handbook, the CGIS-EcoQuest program specific supplement are available in your Mcompass application under the Document section. (EcoQuest has provided you with hard copies of their handbooks).

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The EcoQuest semester program (Fall and Spring) is a 15-week program designed for students interested in environmental studies, tropical resource management, sustainability, and environmental policy. The EcoQuest Spring term equals the U-M Winter term. Students enroll in four classes, tied together through lectures and field exercises. The U-M requires all students studying in a Michigan Global Academic Program to be enrolled for a full load of classes during their program. At EcoQuest, students take four classes:

- Ecology and Biogeography of New Zealand (5 cr.)
- Restoration Ecology and Ecosystem Management in New Zealand (4 cr.)
- Environmental Policy, Planning and Sustainability in New Zealand (3 cr.)
- Applied Directed Research in New Zealand (4 cr.)

For more specific information on the EcoQuest program and courses, please see their website at: http://www.ecoquest.unh.edu/semester

The EcoQuest Summer program (which takes place during the U-M Spring half-term) is a 5-week program where students will earn 8 credits. There are fewer courses offered in the summer program, but the ones that are offered are the same as the 15-week program in their description:

- Ecology and Biogeography of New Zealand (5 cr.)
- Environmental Policy, Planning and Sustainability in New Zealand (3 cr.)

For more specific information on the EcoQuest program and courses, please see their website at: http://www.ecoquest.unh.edu/summer

At the same term you are participating in classes in New Zealand, you will be registered at U-M as a full time student. Please refer to your CGIS General Handbook for the correct STDABRD course number for your U-M registration. Fall and Winter students will register for 15 credits and Spring students will register for 6 credits. These credits serve as a placeholder until we receive your official transcript from UNH after you complete your program.

LSA students will earn in-residence credit for your work in the program, grades will be taken from the University of New Hampshire transcripts without conversion (except that F = E at the U-M) and grades will be calculated into the student GPA.

Non-LSA students must check with their college or school to determine its policy on Michigan Global Academic Program (MGAP) credits, grades and GPA.
REQUESTING TRANSCRIPTS FROM ECOQUEST

Once you have completed your semester at EcoQuest, you must request that the University of New Hampshire provide the CGIS office with a transcript of your work. CGIS will then update your U-M academic record. You’ll need to request them to be sent to us before we can process and add the coursework to your transcript.

To request your transcripts, you will need to log into your UNH account with your UNH student ID. This will have been given to you by Donna after you were accepted, hold onto this because you will need it after your program. You will need to go your My UNH or UNH Blackboard account to request your transcripts after you have completed your program. Be aware that your transcripts may not be available immediately after you’ve returned, you may want to wait a couple of weeks before attempting to request them.

You will be asked you where you would like your transcripts sent, please do not send them to the Registrar’s Office, instead send them to your CGIS program advisor at the address below.

EcoQuest Program Advisor  
The Center for Global and Intercultural Study  
435 South State Street, G155 Angell Hall  
Ann Arbor, MI  48109-1003

IMPORTANT DATES & TRAVEL

EcoQuest provides program dates to students in admission materials during the application process. Currently the program dates are as follows:

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<th>Term</th>
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<td>Spring 2017</td>
<td>May 29, 2017</td>
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<td>Fall 2017</td>
<td>August 30, 2017</td>
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<td>Winter 2018</td>
<td>January 31, 2018</td>
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*Note: it may be such that you will have to leave a day earlier from your point of departure to make it to your destination on time due to the time difference*

EcoQuest will book a student group flight that departs from the West Coast, often from Los Angeles, to Auckland, however flight costs are not included in the EcoQuest Program fee. Students will be picked up in Auckland by EcoQuest staff and transported to the EcoQuest Field Centre, which is located about 80 km away. Specific flight, travel agency, and payment information will be provided by UNH.

Because the EcoQuest location is about 80 kilometers from the airport, all students have to arrive in Auckland at the same time. You will be responsible for booking and paying for your own travel to and from the West Coast. You must arrive in plenty of time to meet the group so you do not miss the group flight to Auckland. (EcoQuest recommends arriving 5 hours earlier than the scheduled international flight.)

Call Donna Dowal (numbers at the back of this supplement) if you are delayed reaching your group meeting point for any reason. The return date back to the U.S. is flexible, so if you want to stay longer in New Zealand to travel, you may do so, but you have to choose the return date when you book your flight.

HOUSING

EcoQuest houses students at different sites throughout the duration of the program. Accommodations will generally be in lodges and dormitory-style housing, but there will also be some camping involved. Students will either live in shared cabins (2-4 students each) or bunkrooms (3-5 students each). A central
bathroom and laundry facilities are shared by all students. There is limited access to internet facilities (access to email is not guaranteed while on field trips), and a phone is available. Students buy pre-paid phone cards to use for calls.

VISA

IMPORTANT-PLEASE READ: Obtaining a visa and following the correct procedure is ultimately the responsibility of each student who is applying. The CGIS and EcoQuest will try to provide assistance in the process, but the New Zealand Consulates make the final decisions regarding the issuance of the visa and whether or not you have followed the proper procedure. You are encouraged to read the general guidelines that have been provided to you by CGIS and EcoQuest and to carefully review the official Consulate (relevant to you) to be certain you are following the procedures and requirements that the New Zealand government has given to applicants. CGIS is not responsible if the following information differs from the New Zealand Consulate requirements.

U.S. citizens need a student visa to New Zealand for the semester program. The UNH-EcoQuest Admissions Office will provide you with a visa application and instructions; follow those instructions very carefully, and pay special attention to the deadlines. It can take several weeks to receive the completed visa, but with holidays and office closures, you will want to send that off as quickly as possible. Information on visa requirements for New Zealand can be found at www.immigration.govt.nz.

If you are not a U.S. citizen, please check with the New Zealand Consulate in your country of citizenship to determine if you need a student visa.

CONTACT AND VISITING INFORMATION FOR AMERICAN CITIZENS

AMERICAN CITIZENS SERVICES

American Citizen Services (ACS) is part of Consular Services, based at the U.S. Consulate General in Auckland. Assistance is provided to American citizens in New Zealand, including but not limited to Passport services, Consular Reports of Births and Deaths Abroad, and Notarials.

Here is a link to their website: https://nz.usembassy.gov/embassy-consulates/consulate/

Please be advised of the new Counter Hours for the U.S. Consulate General in Auckland. The office will now be closed to the public on the last Wednesday of every month.

- **Passport Services for American Citizens**
  1:00pm - 3:00pm Monday to Friday, except the last Wednesday of each month, and U.S. and N.Z. public holidays. You will need to make an appointment online to submit a passport application.

- **Emergency Services for American Citizens**
  8:00am- 12:00pm and 2:00pm- 4:00pm Monday to Friday, except the last Wednesday of each month, and U.S. and N.Z. public holidays. For emergencies outside of these hours please phone either: +[64] (9) 303 2724 ext. 2900; or +[64] (4) 462 6000.

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Before going to the consulate or embassy, you may want to call ahead to check office hours devoted to providing services to U.S. citizens, usually limited to two or three hours a day. This information is often available from U.S. Embassy websites which are accessible at http://usembassy.state.gov/, the State Department Embassy links page. Don’t forget to take your passport with you when you go.

FEES AND BILLING

Although students are registered at U-M while participating in the program at EcoQuest, tuition, housing, and other fees are paid directly to UNH-EcoQuest. Students are responsible for paying the CGIS administrative fee, which will be billed to their U-M student account; this is the only fee paid to U-M. For more information, please see current budget estimate posted on the M-compass brochure page: https://mcompass.umich.edu/index.cfm?FuseAction=Programs.ViewProgram&Program_ID=10291

EcoQuest also provides students with information about program costs in its acceptance materials. You will be billed directly by EcoQuest and are required to meet all deadlines for financial payments and arrangements.

WHO TAKES CARE OF WHAT

EcoQuest is responsible for acceptance decisions, all academic arrangements, on-site orientation, booking the group flight to and from the West Coast, and housing. The CGIS assists students in preparing to study at EcoQuest, provides support services while abroad, and processes academic results from study at EcoQuest for U-M academic records. Each student is responsible for obtaining a passport and visa and making the travel reservations to and from the West Coast, and paying program and other associated fees to EcoQuest. EcoQuest provides two student handbooks; students are responsible for reading and understanding this material and all materials supplied by the CGIS.

A FINAL WORD

Enjoy your time in New Zealand. You may find you have more independence than at Michigan, and this can enable you to pursue interests and take advantage of opportunities that might not present themselves here. If there is anything our office can do to make your stay easier, please let us know.

CONTACT INFORMATION

ECOQUEST FIELD CENTER

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Cristina Zamarron, Advisor  
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cezamarr@umich.edu

EMERGENCY  
In the event of an emergency on-site, immediately call local emergency services. You should know your local address and the 911 equivalent number in your host country and carry that number with you at all times.

Contact your local program director/on-site staff immediately if you are the victim of crime or need emergency assistance. Please also contact the University of Michigan Department of Public Safety, which has the following 24 hour number: (734) 763-1131. They will then contact the necessary on-campus offices, including the Center for Global and Intercultural Study, to respond to your situation. You may provide this same 24 hour number to your parents should they experience an emergency and need to get a hold of you while you are abroad and are unable to contact you directly.

To contact HTH Worldwide in the event of an emergency or regarding insurance questions call 1.800.257.4823 or collect +1.610.254.8771 or globalhealth@htheworldwide.com