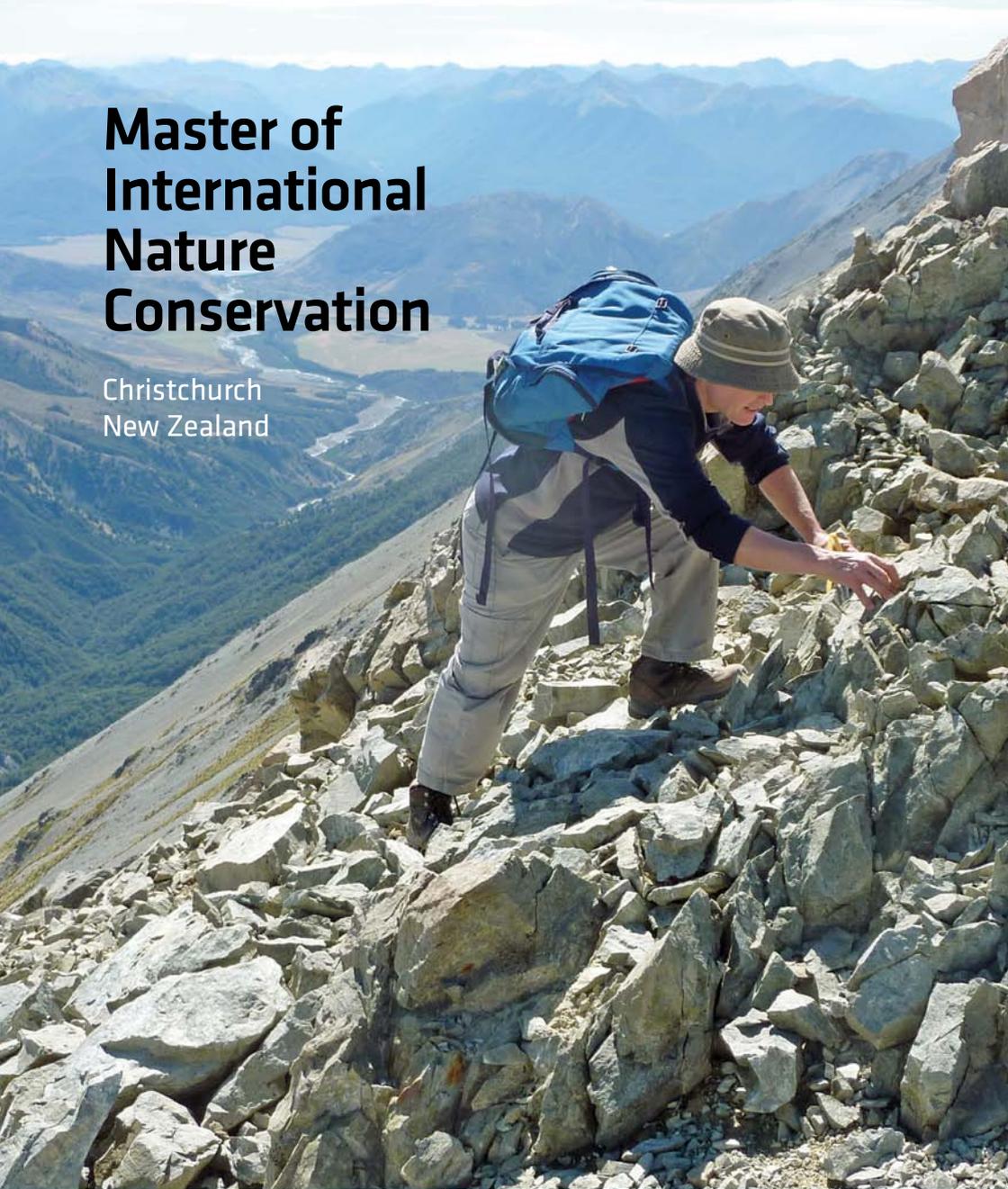


Master of International Nature Conservation

Christchurch
New Zealand



New Zealand's specialist land-based university



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Introduction

This two-year Master of International Nature Conservation (MINC) degree gives participants a unique opportunity to study at two internationally-recognised universities, involving a work placement and a research project.

The programme combines coursework, a thesis and practical experience. The two semesters of coursework are split between Lincoln University in New Zealand and Göttingen University in Germany, with all courses taught in English. Practical work experience options can include an internship within New Zealand or with an internationally-based conservation organisation.

Students enrolled in the MINC programme through Lincoln University are supervised by Lincoln University staff. You will graduate with a truly international qualification in Nature Conservation.

See the programme website for examples of work experience and research options www.lincoln.ac.nz/MINC



“The opportunity to study at Lincoln University and the University of Göttingen was appealing to experience conservation in both the southern and northern hemispheres and meet like-minded international students. The programme is flexible, offers wide-ranging subjects and part of the attraction is the three-month practical component.”

Chloe MacLaren, Auckland, New Zealand



Why this degree?

Effective conservation on an international scale often involves the ability to wisely adapt innovations from one part of the world to challenges in another.

Lincoln and Göttingen Universities have strong programmes in conservation and management, but the primary challenges and approaches to conservation differ between the two countries, and this is reflected in faculty research and teaching.

Through your internship with a conservation agency and a research project you will gain hands-on conservation experience, further broadening your skills and practical knowledge base.

Programme flexibility allows you to tailor your coursework, practical experience and research topic to fit your interests, while still gaining a solid background in the science of conservation.



Lincoln University and the University of Göttingen

Lincoln University

New Zealand is one of the world's biodiversity hotspots. The combination of long geographical isolation, a flora and fauna that has evolved in the absence of mammals and its short history of human habitation present unique challenges. New Zealand conservation has primarily been focused on endangered species and natural areas, but also attracts increasing attention in agricultural and urban landscapes.

Conservation of New Zealand's native biodiversity has stimulated research and innovation in many fields, including control of introduced predators, translocation techniques, plant invasions, and social aspects of conservation.

Lincoln University is New Zealand's specialist land-based university, situated 20 km outside the garden city of Christchurch. It has a strong focus on practical aspects of ecology and conservation, with the largest critical mass of ecologists of all New Zealand universities. We regularly collaborate with New Zealand's Department of Conservation, government research institutes and community restoration projects. You will find staff friendly, approachable, and willing to assist with the planning and execution of your study. Domestic and international students can apply for Lady Isaac Scholarships to further support their study.

University of Göttingen

Germany, as a continental nation, has a biota that has been subject to long and frequent interchange across Eurasia and a long history of human habitation. This provides a sharp contrast to conditions experienced in New Zealand. In Germany, the conservation focus is on highly modified landscapes with a strong cultural element and the development of networks for conservation at a Continental level.

Situated in Lower Saxony, Göttingen combines a beautiful medieval market town with the atmosphere of a modern university city. The University of Göttingen, founded in 1757, is one of the highest-ranked universities in Germany with a strong focus on research-led teaching and excellent facilities to support scientific studies. Conservation biology and understanding ecological systems and their functioning form a strong focus of both teaching and research. Postgraduate modules for MINC students include study of wildlife assessment, species extinctions, monitoring programmes and conservation strategies.



What is involved?

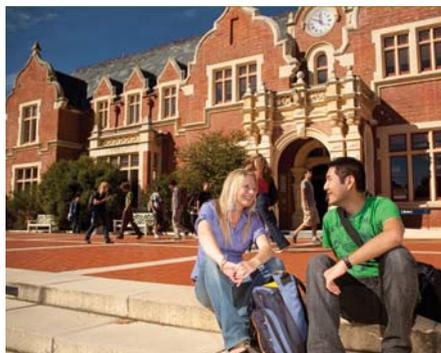
The Master of International Nature Conservation involves a semester of study at both Lincoln University and the University of Göttingen, 12-weeks of practical work experience plus a research project. The degree is jointly awarded by the two Universities.

Who should apply?

A MINC degree will benefit students seeking preparation for an international career in the area of Nature Conservation. This degree may also be attractive to professionals wishing to add an international facet to their career. Students from any country may apply.

Admission

Pre-requisite for admission to this programme is a degree from an accredited university or university-like institution (Bachelor/Masters or equivalent). Students will require good English skills and an academic degree in natural sciences or related disciplines. The entire degree is taught in English.



Lincoln University, New Zealand.



University of Göttingen, Germany.

“At Lincoln University the supervision through lecturers and professors was great. There were very interesting courses. The everyday life at uni was perfectly organised.”

Laura Hollerbach, Brandenburg, Germany

Programme structure

MINC programme options

Option One

Year One		Year Two	
Lincoln University course work	Internship/thesis research (Lincoln)*	University of Göttingen course work	Internship/thesis research (Lincoln)*
End of June – mid October	November – April	End of April – August	August – June

Option Two

Year One		Year Two	
Lincoln University course work	Internship/thesis research (Lincoln)*	University of Göttingen course work	Internship/thesis research (Lincoln)*
Mid February – June	July – Mid October	November – April	April – February

* Students may choose either time period to complete this component of the degree. Internships must be a minimum of three months (maximum four months).





Juliane Diamond

Washington DC, USA

Master of International Nature Conservation degree

“Lincoln University was the only university offering a comprehensive conservation degree. I was really intrigued by the dual programme incorporating practical work and a thesis.”

Pursuing a Master of International Nature Conservation degree, Juliane enjoys the opportunity to challenge herself in a field she’s passionate about. “I like immersing myself in a subject I want to excel at and enjoy being at a specialised university with a focus on land-based issues.” From Washington DC, USA, she also enjoys living in a new country and learning about a different culture.

The degree is a two year programme which includes two semesters of course work at Lincoln University and at the University of Göttingen in Germany, three months of practical work and a one year thesis.

Previously Juliane had been working in the environmental field in an office setting and wanted to retrain to be qualified for field management work. “I thought this programme would give me a well-rounded graduate level education while also exposing me to different countries’ perspectives on conservation.”

After completing the programme she hopes to start a career with a conservation organisation in the developing world as a field or programme manager. “I want to use my knowledge of conservation to strengthen an organisation I believe in. Ideally someday I will start my own conservation project.”



Want to find out more?

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