

Integrated bi-national Master of International Nature Conservation (M.Sc./M.I.N.C.)



**Georg-August-Universität
Germany**



**Lincoln University
New Zealand**



Characteristics

- 4 semesters (2 years)
- in English
- since 2006

- Biologists/Ecologists in International Conservation Programmes
- Learning by Contrast: North - South, Continents - Islands
- Flexibility re expertise gained

Mode of studies I

Master of International Nature Conservation	
1. Semester	Göttingen - 3 Compulsory Modules - 2-3 Electives
2. Semester	Lincoln - 3 Electives
3. Semester	Internship -12 Weeks in a conservation project -Internship Report
4. Semester	Master Thesis -6 Months -2 Supervisors

Mode of studies II

Master of International Nature Conservation	
1. Semester	Göttingen - 3 Compulsory Modules - 2-3 Electives
2. Semester	Internship -12 Weeks in a conservation project -Internship Report
3. Semester	Lincoln - 3 Electives
4. Semester	Master Thesis -6 Months -2 Supervisors

Mode of studies III

Master of International Nature Conservation	
1. Semester	Lincoln - 3 Electives
2. Semester	Internship -12 Weeks in a conservation project -Internship Report
3. Semester	Göttingen - 3 Compulsory Modules - 2-3 Electives
4. Semester	Master Thesis -6 Months -2 Supervisors

Study Semester in Goettingen

A Compulsory block (18 Credits)

M.INC.1001: International Nature Conservation (6 C)

- e.g. Organisations and Conventions, Protected Areas, Wildlife Trade, Law Enforcement, Conservation Criminology, Livelihood interventions

M.INC.1005: Population biology in nature conservation (6 C)

- Practical in Population Modelling

M.INC.1007: Assessing Wildlife for Conservation (6 C)

- Basics of wildlife assessment, Distance Sampling, Occupancy modelling, Camera trapping

Study Semester in Goettingen

Elective Block (12 C), e.g.

- Animal Conservation
- Statistics for Field Biologists
 - or any two 6 C courses such as:
- Ecological Functions of wildlife
- Basics and Application of Geographic Information Systems
- Tropical Animal Husbandry Systems
- Socioeconomics of Rural Development
- Biodiversity and Ecosystem Functioning
- Introduction to Ecological Modelling

Study Semester at Lincoln University

(30 Credits in total) e.g.

- Research Methods in Ecology
- Conservation Biology
- Wildlife Management
- Animal Behaviour.
- Applied Research Methods
- Advanced Theory in Resource Studies
- Advanced Geographic Information Systems
- Advanced Environmental Management Systems
- Environmental Policy and Planning: Economics in Environmental Policy
- Integrated Environmental Management
- Aspects of Sustainability: an international perspective
- Management Research Methods
- Planning and Assessing International Development Projects
- Natural Resource Recreation & TourismTourist Behaviour

Study Semester at Lincoln University

- Lincoln University: about 9600 NZ\$ (ca. 6000 €).
- Students enrolling Oct 2026 must attend one of two Lincoln Semesters in 2027
 - Semester I (Feb – June)
 - Semester II (July – Nov)

Internship Semester

- 12 Weeks in an International Conservation Project
 ,hands on‘ practical experience!
 - work with practitioners!
 - to complement pre-existing experience
 - not confined to field work...
- Internship Report

For example:

- Seychelles Islands Foundation, Parrot Conservation
- WWF Romania, Reintroduction of Bison
- IUCN Switzerland, Assistance to Chief Scientist
- UNEP Nairobi, Great Ape Survival Project

Master Thesis

- 6 month thesis
 - at Göttingen, in Germany or abroad
- in English
- 2 examiners (often one external)

After graduation

- PhD
- Governmental or non-governmental bodies
- Alumni often stay within the topics they specialized in during internship or thesis semester

Other Costs

- Enrolment fees UGOE: approx. 360 € per semester
- Semesters spent abroad: only admin fees of 75 €
- Health insurance in Germany
- Travel expenses to New Zealand: at least 1000 €
- Living expenses for all 4 semesters, incl. insurance, visa, etc.
- Possible Travel expenses for the internship and the master thesis semester

- Admission:
 - Deadline: 15 May
 - 10 students each winter semester
 - application documents to M.I.N.C.-Administration
- Criteria:
 - Six semester BSc in Biology, Biodiversity, Ecology or equivalent fields
 - 60 C in the field of Biology, 10 C in Math, Chemistry or informatics
 - Proof of proficiency in English
 - Motivation
 - Previous experience in international nature conservation
 - <https://uni-goettingen.de/de/661077.html>

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Also Lincoln University offers 10 places each year for the M.I.N.C. program

- 5 semesters:
 - 1 semester Lincoln
 - 1 semester Göttingen
 - 1 internship semester
 - **2 semesters master thesis**
- Tuition fees: approx. 36.000 NZ\$ for the whole master programme
<https://www.lincoln.ac.nz/study/study-programmes/programme-search/master-of-international-nature-conservation-r/>