

Master of International Nature Conservation (M.Sc./M.I.N.C.)



**Georg-August-Universität
Germany**



**Lincoln University
New Zealand**

- Coordination: Prof. Dr. Matthias Waltert
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 - 4 semesters (2 years)
 - study program in English

- Structure:

- 1 semester at Göttingen
- 1 semester at Lincoln, New Zealand
- 1 internship semester, 12 weeks, preferably abroad
- 1 semester master thesis

- 120 credits
- Each winter semester 10 students will be admitted at Goettingen

Double-Degree with Lincoln University in Canterbury, New Zealand



since 2003

- New Zealand: experts in species management
- Advisory role of IUCN, UNEP, UNESCO, WWF, Weltbank, GTZ
- Approach: Learning by Contrast:
 - South vs. North,
 - Island vs. Continents
 - Species vs. Habitat

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

Goettingen

Compulsory block (18 C)

M.INC.1001: International Nature Conservation (6 C / 8 SWS)

e.g. organisations and conventions, protected areas, wildlife trade, law enforcement, conservation criminology, livelihood-focused interventions, media and conservation

M.INC.1005: Population biology in nature conservation (6 C, 8 SWS)

Practice in population modelling, matrix based

M.Biodiv.483: Assessing Wildlife for Conservation (6 C, 8 SWS)

Basics in Wildlife Assessment, Distance Sampling, Occupancy modelling, Camera trapping

Goettingen

Elective Block (12 C), choice from e.g.

- Animal Conservation
 - Statistics for Field Biologists
- or any two 6 C courses such as:
- Ecological Functions of wildlife
 - Introduction to Ecological Modelling
 - Geographic Information Systems in life sciences
 - Tropical Animal Husbandry Systems
 - Socioeconomics of Rural Development
 - Biodiversity and Ecosystem functioning
 - Modern Methods in Ecology
 - Tropical Forest Ecology and Silviculture

Lincoln

3 classes at the Department of Ecology: (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 & Tourism Tourist Behaviour

Lincoln

- Tuition fees :
 - currently about 9600 NZ\$ (ca. 6500 €).
- Students who enroll Oct 2024 must attend Lincoln Semester in 2025!!!
 - 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...
- Exam: Internship Report (about 25 pages)
- Examples:
 - Seychelles Islands Foundation
 - WWF Romania, Reintroduction of Bison
 - IUCN Switzerland, Assistance to Chief Scientist
 - UNEP Nairobi, Great Ape Survival Project

Master of International Nature Conservation Georg-August-Universität Göttingen					
Sem. Σ C	Modules				
	Module	Module	Module	Module	Module
1. Σ 30 C Göttingen	M.INC.1001 International Nature Conservation 6 C (Compulsory)	M.Biodiv.481 Population viability analysis 6 C (Compulsory)	M.Biodiv.483 Assessing Wildlife for Conservation 6 C (Compulsory)	M.INC.1002 Statistics for field biologists 6 C (Elective)	M.INC.1003 Animal Conservation 6 C (Elective)
2. Σ 30 C Canterbury	M.INC.ECON 615 Applied research Methods 10 C (Elective)	M.INC. ERST 606 Advanced Geographic Information Systems A 10 C (Elective)	M.INC. ECOL 630 Advanced Ecology 10 C (Elective)		
3. Σ 30 C Internship	M.INC.2001 Internship-Semester 30 C (Compulsory)				
4. Σ 30 C Göttingen	Masterthesis 30 C				
Σ 120 C	120 C				

Master Thesis

- 6 month thesis
- Applied Science! Preferably in Evidence Based Conservation
- in English
- 1 advisor (not necessarily from Göttingen)
- 2 official reviewers

After graduation

- PhD
- Governmental or non-governmental bodies
- Alumni often work on topics they covered for internship or thesis

Programme Costs

- Enrolment fees at Göttingen: approx. 440 €/each semester
- For each semester spent abroad, only administration expenses at Goettingen University of 75 €
- **Fees at Lincoln University : 9.600 NZ\$ (approx. 6.300 €)**
 - Students need to attend the Lincoln Semester the year after their admission

Programme Costs

Example of enrollment and tuition fees for a student spending internship abroad, but does thesis in Goettingen

- Semester Goettingen : 440 Euro
- Semester Lincoln: 6.500 €
- Internship (abroad): 75 Euro
- Master Thesis (Goettingen) 500 Euro

Funding options

- Auslands-Bafög
- Daad-Scholarship
- For covering costs for thesis work, there are often numerous options

See also Scholarship-Counselling at Goettingen University

<https://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/575849.html>

Admission:

- Appl. 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
- Proof of proficiency in English
- Motivation
- Previous experience
- <http://www.uni-goettingen.de/de/75305.html>

We currently receive about 110 applications on 10 places per year.

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

- 5 semesters:
 - 1 study semester at Lincoln University, New Zealand
 - 1 study semester at Göttingen University
 - 1 internship semester, 12 Weeks, preferably abroad
 - 2 semester master thesis
- <http://www.uni-goettingen.de/de/enrol-at-lincoln/116832.html>
- Fees at Lincoln: <https://www.lincoln.ac.nz/study/fees/>

Thanks for the attention!

