

## Master Thesis

With the master thesis the students focus on a scientific topic in nature conservation research. They have the option to join a project at a university or at an NGO and work for 6 months on a scientific question.

## Benefits for students

On graduation students

- know to contrast and evaluate nature conservation issues and solutions in countries with different biogeographical, human, geological, political, cultural and historical backgrounds
- do have first hand practical experience of contemporary conservation issues in a new setting, are able to think flexible outside their home environment and can formulate innovative and novel but practical approaches to solving conservation problems
- have taken part in nature conservation research training based on international collaboration and experience in different countries

## Job prospects

Approximately half of the M.I.N.C. graduates start a PhD, to deepen their skills and expertise in nature conservation. Others work for organisations in national and international nature conservation, mostly on the topics they specialized in during their Master's program.

## Admission

Admission at Goettingen University is limited to a maximum number of ten students per winter semester (Lectures start in October in Goettingen).

Admission criteria are as follows:

- six semester Bachelor degree in Biodiversity, Biology, Ecology, Forest Sciences, Geography, Nature Conservation, Wildlife Management or equivalent fields.
- sufficient knowledge of the English language
- high motivation
- practical knowledge or expertise on international nature conservation

Application deadline: May 15<sup>th</sup>

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# Master of International Nature Conservation

## Double Degree

Goettingen University, Germany,  
and Lincoln University, New Zealand



## Double Degree Program

### at Goettingen University, Germany and Lincoln University, New Zealand

Goettingen University in Germany offers a bi-national four-semester Master's program in International Nature Conservation (M.I.N.C.).

Main characteristics:

- focus on international problems in nature conservation, with a broad basis in conservation biology
- compulsory study semesters at both Goettingen University, and Lincoln University
- compulsory internship semester (including a practical project)
- double degree awarded jointly by Goettingen University and Lincoln University, which can be held as Master of Science (M.Sc.) or Master of Science/ Master of International Nature Conservation (M.Sc./M.I.N.C.).
- course language: English

### Contents of Studies

1. Study semester at Goettingen University, Germany
2. Study semester at Lincoln University, New Zealand
3. Internship semester including a practical project
4. Master thesis



## Study semester at Goettingen University

Goettingen University in Germany, with its Workgroup on Endangered Species focuses on continental aspects of nature conservation and biodiversity issues, and has longterm experience in training and research within the fields of population biology, tropical biodiversity, forestry and tropical wildlife monitoring.

During their study semester at Goettingen University, M.I.N.C. students attend the 3 compulsory modules

- International Nature Conservation
- Assessing Wildlife for Conservation
- Population Viability Analysis

In these courses students learn the scientific basics of nature conservation, including important methodological skills and approaches for varying problem areas.

They also choose 2 elective modules from:

- Conservation Biology,
- Ecology and Biodiversity,
- Socioeconomics,
- Agriculture and Conservation,
- Bioclimatology and Ecopedology, and
- Forestry and Conservation.

## Study semester at Lincoln University

Lincoln University in Christchurch, New Zealand, offers expertise in pest management, critically endangered species management on both islands and mainlands, invasive species ecology, plant-herbivore interactions, ecology of agricultural landscapes, ecotourism, environmental monitoring, and economics of nature conservation.

The study semester at Lincoln University can either be the first, second or third semester of this study program.

At Lincoln University, students choose 3 courses, e.g.:

- Advanced Geographic Information Systems
- Animal Behaviour
- Aspects of Sustainability: an international perspective
- Natural Resource Recreation & Tourism
- Planning and Assessing International Development Projects
- Applied Research Methods

## Enrollment Fees and Tuition Fees

For each study semester at Goettingen University, M.I.N.C.-Students pay the full enrollment fees of about 380 € per Semester. For each semester spent abroad, German M.I.N.C.-students only pay the administration expense of 75 € at Goettingen University, International M.I.N.C.-students are exempted from all fees at Goettingen University for these semester. At Lincoln University, all M.I.N.C.-Students from Goettingen University pay tuition fees for one study semester of about 9000 NZ\$ (approx. 5500 €) and an administration fee of about 700 NZ\$ (approx. 450 €).

## Internship semester (practical project)

The internship semester with its practical project is an important component of the programme. Students will acquire practical skills by assisting in field and project work at international nature conservation organisations or NGOs. The practical project will cover 3 months minimum. Students can propose their own placements. The internship semester can either be the second or third semester of this study program.

Some past internships are:

**Germany:** National Park Harz, Conversion of managed forests into natural forests, Tourism, Lynx Project

**New Zealand:** Department of Conservation, Biosecurity, Conservation Services Programme (CSP)

**Cameroon:** (Korup National Park, Dschang University)

Community-based wildlife monitoring, Ecotourism, Impact of land use on tropical biodiversity

