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Welcome to Massey University

Massey University is New Zealand's defining University and has a long and proud tradition of academic and research excellence. Among Australasia's tertiary institutions Massey is unique.

Massey draws on a rich history that mixes leadership in agri-food, creativity and innovation across campuses located in Auckland, Palmerston North and Wellington with pre-eminence in distance education and a strong record of engagement with developing countries and major international organisations.

Since its early beginnings, Massey staff have enabled the University to achieve a number of New Zealand firsts. Massey has New Zealand's only Institute of Veterinary, Animal and Biomedical Sciences and our New Zealand Wildlife Health Centre is ranked as one of the best in the world. Massey has international recognition in disciplines as diverse as finance, agriculture, food technology, design, science and engineering, education, social sciences and humanities, and aviation.

In recent years New Zealanders have been increasingly using their unique Kiwi world view to achieve great things, globally. Massey is playing a central role in this by aiming to be the engine of this 'new' New Zealand of the 21st Century.

Studying by distance is an attractive option for international students and I want to assure you of Massey's commitment to delivering a high quality learning experience. Through distance learning Massey can offer a world-class education and unique New Zealand perspective.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steve Maharey". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline.

HON. STEVE MAHAREY CNZM MA
Vice Chancellor, Massey University



About Massey University

Massey University is a pioneer and world leader in the provision of distance education. The University has a proud 80-year history and has been offering distance learning for more than half a century. We are recognized as New Zealand's defining university, and as such are sought-after throughout the world for our innovation and excellence in distance delivery.

Massey is New Zealand's national university, with around 36,000 students as well as a presence in twenty nations around the globe. About half our students study through Massey's virtual (distance) campus. Each year, around 4000 international students from more than 100 countries find a warm and welcoming environment here.

Massey also has a strong global outreach with a campus in Singapore and connections with alumni and students located throughout the world. A growing number of students living overseas are pursuing Massey qualifications through distance and online learning.

Massey University has a tradition of offering applied and highly-relevant tertiary education for the growing creative economy. In our beginnings we were a leader for our economy with our expertise in the primary sector. As New Zealand, and the world, have changed – so have we.

Today we are still a leader in the study and research of agriculture and food, but we have the nation's only veterinary school; we started the first business school in the country; we were one of the first universities to create a College of Education; and we have pioneered new fields of study in humanities and social sciences. More than fifty years ago we began what is now one of the world's most respected distance education programmes.

Within all of these activities and disciplines we aim to produce creative, connected, and capable leaders - and this is just what Massey is doing!



About this Prospectus

This Prospectus profiles some of Massey University's many degrees, qualifications and short courses available in a range of subject areas to people residing outside of New Zealand. More specifically it lists some of Massey's defining qualifications that can be completed online and via distance delivery throughout the world.

Massey University has the capacity to offer distance learning courses to individual students as well as through twinning arrangements and articulation agreements with reputable partners.

The Prospectus will be of particular interest to education agents, potential partner institutions, embassies and government departments, and international agencies and organisations. We are always willing to discuss with potential partner providers how we can support the goal of wider access to high quality university-level education through a combination of online, blended and distance delivery.

Many of the courses and qualifications listed in the Prospectus include a contact course and while this may not be compulsory, we encourage students to visit one of Massey's campuses at some point in their study to enrich their international experience. In some cases, students can undertake the first year of their programme of study by distance (eg, Bachelor of Business Studies) before completing the remainder of the qualification in New Zealand. The Prospectus also profiles our consultation services and provides examples of the innovative ways in which Massey offers a number of advanced postgraduate qualifications in areas of particular strength. A full list of degrees, qualifications and short course offerings available through distance learning can be found on the Massey University website.

The International Prospectus for students wishing to study on one of Massey's three campuses in New Zealand is also available from the following website:

■ <http://international.massey.ac.nz>



Why You Should Choose Massey University

Studying at Massey is about doing things differently. It's about shaping the future of the world, by coming up with innovative, practical solutions and ideas for how we can live our lives in a better way.

Massey is a modern-era digital university that is helping our students to go on to achieve great things, break new ground and make a real difference in the world. We have a strong reputation for research-led teaching and rank higher in international comparisons than any other major distance provider in Australasia. Students can be assured that Massey is committed to excellence in distance education and their qualification will be internationally-recognised.

Approximately 250,000 students have studied by distance learning at Massey University from all over the world. We have a long tradition, and over the past fifty years have built-up a high level of expertise in higher education to geographically disperse and culturally-diverse life-long learners.

Our qualifications and short courses allow students to fit study around work, social and family commitments. The convenience of technology-enabled distance learning means that students can enhance their career prospects and achieve personal goals without having to leave their job or compromise social or family commitments.

Taught by leading researchers in their field, our qualifications are internationally-accredited and recognised by relevant professional bodies. Irrespective of where students study they experience research-led teaching, rich online resources, outstanding support services and an intellectual climate in which they are encouraged to excel.

We will not compromise our reputation. Massey graduates are work-ready, globally-connected, highly-sought-after and making a real difference throughout the world.



What You Can Study Through Massey

The University is organized into 30 institutes, schools and departments which reside under five academic Colleges: Business, Creative Arts, Education, Humanities and Social Sciences, and Sciences. Together the Colleges offer over 200 programmes of study and in excess of 5000 paper/course offerings.

To meet growing demand from students living overseas Massey University is expanding its international delivery by distance education in many of our defining degrees and qualifications. The following pages highlight a sample of the programmes offered by our Colleges. More details and up-to-date information on the range of programmes is available from our website.

Massey is also developing a wider range of online short courses and continuing professional development in areas of particular strength. Some of our short courses and academic programmes include a contact course or residential component in New Zealand or in other international locations. These contact courses provide exciting learning opportunities for distance learners to come together; however before enrolling students need to familiarise themselves with relevant visa requirements.

There are a number of scholarship opportunities available to support study through Massey University and for more information about these awards, please visit:

- <http://international.massey.ac.nz>



Choose Massey's Distance Education Expertise

Massey is a world leader in distance education. Agencies, institutions and governments throughout the world frequently contact Massey for advice because of our expertise and international reputation. Our experienced and highly qualified staff are available to provide consultancy services around the design and delivery of distance education along with the educationally appropriate use of new digital media for teaching and learning.

We have a group of active researchers in the field of distance education and learning futures with particular expertise in the area of online learning. Massey is one of the world's leading users of the Moodle learning management system (LMS) and led the original development of the internationally acclaimed open source software Mahara and Lightwork. An increasing number of institutions and organisations throughout the world are seeking Massey's expert advice on the 'new normal' of online, blended and distance learning.

We welcome partnership opportunities to support other organisations and higher education providers. In particular, Massey can offer:

- Advice for new distance education providers
- Consultancy services for both policy and practice
- Expertise on the implementation and use of Moodle
- Support for the pedagogical use of new digital technologies
- Professional development for staff in online, blended and distance learning
- Evaluation and research services in distance education and learning futures

Massey is a member of the International Council for Open and Distance Education (ICDE), the Association of Commonwealth Universities, and a foundation member of DEHub. Our staff play key leadership roles in major associations around the world.



A World-Leading Veterinary School

Massey University has a long history of excellence in veterinary learning. The University was the first southern-hemisphere education provider to be accredited by the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA). At Massey students learn from some of the world's experts in veterinary science. Our Wildlife Centre is globally renowned, especially for its work around endangered species.

The online Master of Veterinary Medicine (MVM) programme lets practicing veterinarians worldwide continue their education beyond their primary veterinary degree. Students learn the latest in leading global veterinary practice in a supportive, learner-focused environment using some of the latest online interactive technologies.

For more information about the programme, please visit:

■ <http://mvm.massey.ac.nz>

The MVM programme brings the classroom to students where they can study from home or their workplace anywhere in the world. Our students say great things about the programme:

"It is fantastic to 'be there' without physically having to be there."

"It is so great that we can learn a subject in this detail and still stay working. I am applying what I have learnt every day in general practice."

"This has been a very rewarding year. I have been able to undertake continuing education from home, in my own time, with dedicated backup. I have learned a lot, and it has been fun."

"The course is so making use of every possible way to get the information across, and it is so appealing and enjoyable."



Why the World Bank Chose Massey

The outbreak of the H1N1 virus affected the entire world. It destroyed trade and tourism. Scared of the contagion, the world stayed home. Hence the entry of an unusual player into the field of public health: the World Bank.

The Bank decided something needed to be done about addressing potential epidemics at source. They approached Massey University and Professor Roger Morris, who was working on avian influenza when swine flu emerged. The Bank wanted a professional organization like Massey that could provide more epidemiological training in areas of need. In turning to Massey the Bank was looking for a world-class university provider that could offer a flexible programme of study for people from a variety of cultures and understood the realities of working in developing countries.

The result is a joint European Union and World Bank funded, Massey-run multi-million-dollar epidemiology education programme for South Asia-based veterinarians and public health professionals that leads to Master's degrees in either public health or veterinary medicine. Nearly 70 health professionals from India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Afghanistan and Nepal are currently studying as part of the programme.

The teaching programme combines the latest online interactive learning modules with conventionally taught short courses. Massey's success in blended and distance delivery means the programme is going to expand to Russia. The project is also funding a OneHealth Hub in each country to support ongoing medical and veterinary collaborations in disease control.

This project is an example of Massey taking on the world and making a difference.



Why the Singapore Government Chose Massey

The Singapore Government selected Massey University as a partner to help increase the level of expertise in the area of Food Technology. The Bachelor of Food Technology (Honours) degree teaches students the fundamentals and application of food science, food engineering and food business in the selection, preservation, processing, packaging, distribution and use of safe, nutritious and wholesome food.

In Singapore, approved by the Ministry of Education (Singapore) under the Foreign Specialised Institution Framework, the degree programme is taught by both academic staff from Massey University and Singapore Polytechnic.

The qualification is taught at Massey University's Singapore campus located at the premises of Singapore Polytechnic and supported from New Zealand through online delivery and video-conferencing.

The campus is well-equipped with state-of-the-art lecture theatres, laboratories and pilot plant facilities.

This is an intensive, two-year full-time programme. The academic year commences in August each year and is divided into two semesters.

All enrolled students have to attend a one-month bridging programme before the beginning of Semester One in the first year.

Students in their final year may apply to complete the final year research project (approximately 14 weeks) at Massey University's Manawatu Campus in New Zealand. This gives students a chance to visit New Zealand and an opportunity to acquire valuable overseas research experience.

As a testimony to the quality of the programme, graduates of Massey University Bachelor of Food Technology (Honours) degree are highly sought after for technical and management positions in food industries throughout Singapore, New Zealand, Australia, Europe and Asia.

Massey University also has an active presence in Singapore in the teaching of Aviation Management and Early Childhood Education. Our contribution in Singapore is helping to take Massey to the world.



Why the Royal Brunei Armed Forces Chose Massey

In 2010, the Sultan of Brunei Darussalam, Hassanal Bolkiah, officiated at the opening ceremony of the inaugural Command and Staff Course of the Royal Brunei Armed Forces (RBAF).

This 39-week course, supported through face-to-face and online delivery, aims to broaden the professional and academic knowledge of midcareer military leaders in order to prepare them for higher appointments. The RBAF selected Massey University as a key partner in this strategic initiative.

Military officers from seven other regional nations are currently studying full-time alongside their counterparts from Brunei, and international participation is forecast to increase in the future.

Successful graduates of the College will be awarded a Postgraduate Diploma in Arts (Defence and Strategic Studies).

The international strategic outlook for the first half of the 21st century hints at uncertainty and potential instability. Within the Asian region, the major powers are closely engaged, but the strategic balance seems likely to shift. For the countries of the Asia-Pacific region, that shift will affect economic and security interests. The security demands of the future will be further complicated by a number of non-conventional challenges. The effective responses to such challenges will demand greater inter-agency and international cooperation. The RBAF command and staff course is currently preparing the foundation for such cooperation and Massey is playing a key role.

Major Albadii, a helicopter pilot with 14 years of military service in the Royal Brunei Air Force, has found the course to be both very challenging and rewarding.

“The course has provided me with a solid foundation for strategic thinking. The final paper addressing Brunei’s Strategic Environment effectively integrates the preceding papers, while providing strategic context and relevance to students from this region.”

In the Command and Staff College environment, the students learn as much from one another as from the teaching staff. Thus, the international students provide an important contribution to the learning outcomes of the course, sharing their personal professional experiences, and offering alternative perspectives on professional and regional issues.

Major Rauf Shahzad of Pakistan has 17 years of military experience and on completion of the course expects to return home to assume command of an operational infantry battalion.

“The course has shown us new ways of thinking. The command and operational studies will be of immediate relevance to me in my next posting, while I expect the other papers will become more relevant as I progress to more senior roles.”

The postgraduate diploma provides an excellent springboard from which to progress to a Masters programme in defence and security studies, or related fields. A number of the current students plan to continue with their study after the Command and Staff course concludes.



College of Business

Creating leaders, transforming business

The College defines business education in New Zealand and has an international reputation. It is a leading provider of tertiary education, research and training in business and management and holds accreditation from AACSB International, AMBA, and has a wide range of programme specific endorsements in accountancy, finance and aviation. Around 13,000 learners choose to study business education at Massey and the College attracts students from more than 100 countries.

Our faculty are recognised for their international qualifications and record of scholarship. With a distinct "can-do" and flexible approach, the College is an innovator in its field. Graduates of the College are known for their depth and breadth of knowledge, problem-solving skills and ability to think analytically and creatively.

The College offers qualifications in partnership with institutions in countries such as China and Vietnam and welcomes opportunities to discuss how it can support groups of students from developing nations.

Just some of the programmes available to students living overseas...

Course/Qualification	Delivery is Fully Online	Delivery is Partially Online	Contact Course Available
Bachelor of Business Studies - Core First Year Papers	✓		✓
Bachelor of Business Studies (Economics)		✓	✓
Bachelor of Business Studies (Entrepreneurship and Small Business)	✓		✓
Bachelor of Business Studies (Management)		✓	
Bachelor of Business Studies (Marketing)		✓	✓
Bachelor of Business Studies (Communication)		✓	✓
Bachelor of Aviation Management		✓	✓
Postgraduate Diploma in Aviation		✓	✓
Master of Aviation		✓	✓



College of Creative Arts

Advancing creativity, virtuosity, understanding, autonomy and connection

The College provides internationally benchmarked qualifications in design, fine arts, and visual and material culture across the full spectrum of qualifications. Graduates have made important creative contributions to many national and international companies such as Apple, Designworks, Fisher & Paykel, Kate Sylvester, Nike, Saatchi & Saatchi, Weta Workshop, and Zambesi.

The reputation gained through research and creative outputs ensures that the College continues to be identified as the leading creative arts provider in New Zealand. Graduates and students regularly win national and international design and art awards, further reinforcing the College's international standing.

Design specialties include all aspects of visual communication design for print and screen, fashion design, textile design, spatial design, industrial design, and photography. Fine arts expertise is in multimedia, performance and installation art in addition to the more traditional painting and sculpture. Scholarly work is the focus of visual and material culture.

The College welcomes approaches to deliver short courses, undertake creative research collaborations and design consultancy. It also welcomes opportunities for international partnerships and hosts study tours on our creative campus in Wellington from visiting international delegations.

Just some of the programmes available to students living overseas...

Course/Qualification	On Campus in Wellington	Delivery is Partially Online	Contact Course Available
Short Courses	✓		✓
Study Tours	✓		✓
Design Consultancy	✓	✓	
Bachelor of Design (Honours), Master of Design	✓		✓
Bachelor of Fine Arts (Honours), Master of Fine Arts, PhD	✓		✓
Master of Arts in Visual and Material Culture	✓	✓	✓



College of Education

Research-led professional preparation

The College offers qualifications from pre-service teacher education through to advanced postgraduate study. It offers a full complement of innovative, research-based qualifications and professional development programmes that enhance the skills and knowledge of contemporary educators. The College is at the forefront of education research both nationally and internationally. We are internationally recognised for our consultation/expertise services and attract visiting delegations from throughout the world.

Our faculty are active researchers in their field and work in collaboration with other agencies, ministries and institutions to provide professional development programmes for teachers and university lecturers. This is an exciting time in education and the College of Education has a vast amount of knowledge in providing assistance in developing teachers' skills, developing curricula, enhancing school activities and improving the learning environment.

Just some of the programmes available to students living overseas...

Course/Qualification	Delivery is Fully Online	Delivery is Partially Online	Contact Course Available
Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood, TESOL, Special Education)	✓		✓
Graduate Diploma Teaching Secondary (International)	✓		✓
Postgraduate Diploma of Education (eLearning)	✓		✓
Master of TESOL Leadership	✓		✓
Master Educational Administration and Leadership		✓	✓
Doctor of Education		✓	✓
Professional Development Short Courses		✓	✓



College of Humanities and Social Sciences

Expanding minds, changing lives

The College offers a varied and exciting range of programmes, both at undergraduate and postgraduate level. Our qualifications focus on the 'human condition', understanding people in their social and physical environments. We focus on beliefs and behaviours within and across cultures, examining languages, literatures and histories as well as issues of health and well-being in other societies and our own.

Our students are interested in understanding and engaging with the world and its peoples, and with our qualifications they will become the change leaders of the future. Faculty in the College of Humanities and Social Sciences have a very strong research reputation in health, humanities, social sciences, and professional practice. Excellence in scholarly research, strength in applied and strategic research, and demonstrated capacity to attract external funding are hallmarks of the College.

Just some of the programmes available to students living overseas...

Course/Qualification	Delivery is Fully Online	Delivery is Partially Online	Contact Course Available
Postgraduate Diploma in Second Language Teaching	✓		
Postgraduate Diploma in Arts (Defence and Strategic Studies)	✓		✓
Certificate in Pacific Development		✓	
Diploma in Arts		✓	
Diploma in Rehabilitation Studies		✓	
Bachelor of Arts		✓	
Postgraduate Certificate in Planning		✓	✓
Postgraduate Diploma in Arts (Politics or Social Anthropology)		✓	
Postgraduate Diploma in Development Studies		✓	✓
Postgraduate Diploma in Museum Studies*		✓	✓
Postgraduate Diploma in Planning		✓	✓

*Only available for targeted offshore delivery in the Pacific



College of Sciences

Enhancing prosperity of industry and society in the sciences, technology and engineering

Our science programmes are research-led, take an interdisciplinary approach and explore innovative responses to world issues.

The College has four platforms of research and teaching:

- Agriculture, Veterinary and Life Sciences
- Land, Water and the Environment
- Industrial Innovation through Engineering and Technology
- Natural Sciences

New Zealand's only veterinary teaching school is at Massey and our Bachelor of Veterinary Science degree is one of only a handful outside the United States accredited by the American Veterinary Medical Association. This means graduates may work in Canada and the United States as well as New Zealand, UK, Australia, South Africa, Singapore and Hong Kong. The United States-based Institute of Food Technologists (IFT) accredits our Bachelor of Food Technology (Honours) – one of only two programmes recognised outside the US.

Just some of the programmes available to students living overseas...

Course/Qualification	Delivery is Fully Online	Delivery is Partially Online	Contact Course Available
Graduate Diploma in Rural Studies	✓		✓
Master of Veterinary Medicine	✓		✓
Master of AgriCommerce		✓	✓
Postgraduate Diploma in AgriCommerce		✓	✓
Master of Applied Statistics		✓	✓
Postgraduate Diploma in Applied Statistics		✓	✓
Graduate Diploma in Applied Statistics		✓	✓
Master of Quality Systems		✓	✓
Postgraduate Diploma in Quality Systems		✓	✓
Master of Environmental Management		✓	✓
Postgraduate Diploma in Environmental Management		✓	✓
Master of Engineering (Environmental Technology and Sustainable Energy)		✓	✓



Short Courses and Professional Development

Empowering individuals, extending knowledge

We pride ourselves on offering innovative learning opportunities and services to those who want to explore, learn, grow and access the expertise of Massey University. Whether people are developing their career, preparing for university study or committed to lifelong learning, the Centre for Professional and Continuing Education (PaCE) has a range of high-quality courses to suit everyone's needs.

PaCE offers fully customised professional development courses and educational packages to meet the needs of industry and our international communities, as well as offering scheduled programming for individuals seeking to develop and extend their skills and knowledge.

Our reputation as one of New Zealand's most experienced international short course and study tour providers sets us apart. We work with partner universities, government ministries or professional organisations who know that Massey has an expert team of educators, committed to delivering programmes and courses of the highest quality to international participants. We organise study tours, delegations, immersion courses and other study visits to meet the specific learning needs of individuals and groups. As well as an extensive range of courses and customised learning solutions, PaCE offers IELTS testing, conference management and homestay accommodation services. Together, we work to customise your group's specific learning goals.

For further information:

■ <http://pace.massey.ac.nz>

Some of the courses available to students living overseas...

Course/Qualification	Delivery is Fully Online	Delivery is Partially Online	Contact Course Available
Short Courses	✓	✓	✓
Study Tours		✓	✓
University Preparation	✓	✓	✓
English for Academic Purposes - Direct Entry English Pathway (DEEP)		✓	✓



Massey and Worldwide Disaster Management

When the devastating Christchurch earthquake struck on February 22, 2011 it was Massey University's emergency management alumni, students and faculty that deployed to New Zealand's worst disaster in close to 80 years.

From key roles in the emergency operations centre, to front line search and rescue, our Massey whanau (family) responded and the knowledge and skills they acquired through our emergency management programmes made a real difference.

With over 20 years of experience in emergency management education and producing more university level graduates in emergency management than any other institution in New Zealand, our students have the confidence they are studying with a world leading institution that underpins its teaching with contemporary research.

Massey University's emergency management programmes are highly regarded internationally and have produced graduates who work in a range of professions.

We are playing a key role in better equipping graduates for the rapidly evolving profession of emergency management. Our qualifications are helping to develop community disaster resilience through providing a challenging and quality postgraduate teaching and research programme to students worldwide. Our expertise in the field of emergency management coupled with our leading edge use of the latest digital learning technologies makes Massey's programmes world-class.

Massey University also offers a range of emergency management professional development workshops and short courses. Delivered using a mixture of leading academics and seasoned practitioners, these events are ideal for new and experienced emergency managers. A certificate of attendance is issued which will assist with professional certification requirements such as the Certified Emergency Manager (CEM®). Customised workshops can be developed for clients upon request and can be delivered worldwide.

Some of the courses available to students living overseas...

Course/Qualification	Delivery is Fully Online	Delivery is Partially Online	Contact Course Available
Graduate Certificate in Emergency Management*	✓		
Graduate Diploma in Emergency Management*	✓		
Postgraduate Diploma in Emergency Management*	✓		
Master of Emergency Management*	✓		
Professional Development Short Courses	✓	✓	✓

*Subject to approval



How Massey Supports Second Language Teaching

The Postgraduate Diploma in Second Language Teaching is a qualification that has been offered around the world and in New Zealand by distance since the 1970s. Many of our students study part-time and enjoy the opportunity to increase their professional skills while continuing their employment as teachers. They can think critically about the ideas in the course in the evening and go out the next day and try them out in their classrooms. They are well supported by a staff with teaching experience in many different regions of the world.

The course is designed to combine theory and practice, reflection and teaching, and so our assignments all require you to draw on your own teaching experience in some ways, for example, planning lessons for your own classes, or writing a report about an innovation in teaching learning experiences.

Successful graduates of the college will be awarded a Postgraduate Diploma Second Language Teaching, and for those who meet our criteria, the opportunity to progress to a Masters programme with Massey University.

The Postgraduate Diploma in Second Language Teaching offers professional development for second language teachers who already have some classroom experience. The core papers cover issues related to language teaching and learning, to curriculum and materials design and to the language issues that are at the basis of our teaching practice. Our assignments also introduce you to a range of research processes which can help you step towards higher degrees.

Each course has a very active online learning platform including a community space, course materials, extra activities, and opportunities for interaction with other students, graduates and your teachers. Being a distance student does not have to be an isolated experience, and there are plenty of opportunities for collaboration with other students. We also hold several online seminars each year, so that you can 'meet' your fellow students online.

Our students tell us that they find the course practical and the support from staff comprehensive.

Cindy Tan says, "As a Massey Scholar I found the individualised approach offered in the PGDipSLT programme extremely rewarding. Doing my courses extramurally has meant I can conduct my studies in a situated teaching context with practising teaching professionals whose valuable experience are very helpful. The lecturers on the course have been extremely helpful and the papers were structured to provide as much support as possible for distance learners."

Doug Rapley, who studied both the PgDipSLT and the MA SLT while lecturing full-time in a Japanese medical university, says he found the staff very supportive in spite of the distance.

"I undertook a Massey University distance PGDipSLT while looking for university work in Japan. I thoroughly enjoyed my studies, and because the linguistics department was so supportive, I continued studying at Massey and completed a distance Masters degree while lecturing full-time in a Japanese medical university. Gaining these qualifications at Massey has been very fulfilling, both personally and professionally."



How Distance Learning Works

Distance learning allows students to fit study around work, social or family commitments. It can make university study possible for students living in remote locations or those who do not have the time or ability to get to a local university campus.

Learning by distance is the “new normal” of higher education as more people study part-time whilst they continue to work, meet family responsibilities and pursue other interests. Distance learning also has the advantage of allowing students to achieve their personal and professional goals without having to leave their job.

Distance learning usually involves studying course material from home over the Internet and completing assessments. Once a student has formally enrolled their study materials will be made available through Massey’s online learning environment (Stream). This normally happens just before the start of the semester. The academic year at Massey University is divided into three main teaching periods:

- Semester One (starts in February)
- Semester Two (starts in July)
- Summer School (starts in November)

At the start of the semester Massey University offers an online orientation course for distance students with tips and useful information on how to get started. Massey subject experts who usually teach the course produce distance learning study materials. This is a distinguish-

ing feature of Massey University degrees and qualifications as they are taught by leading experts and researchers in their field.

One of the major differences of distance learning is the level and type of interaction students have with their lecturer and fellow students. Unlike campus-based courses students do not have the same opportunities to meet face-to-face. However, our staff can be contacted at times that may be more convenient to students. We also encourage students to take full advantage of the online communication tools available to interact with both students and lecturers.

We want distance students to feel part of a real class and our online learning environment allows learners to share and exchange ideas with fellow classmates. Depending on the course students can also access online the latest news in their subject, study notes, recent articles, presentations, activities, video clips and tests. Please note that most distance learning courses require some level of Internet access. If courses require formal examinations, then they usually take place at a local institution or may be done online.

In some cases we also offer contact courses as an opportunity for students to interact with other students taking the same course and to receive face-to-face tuition. Most of these courses are optional for international students, although we encourage, if possible, our distance learners to visit New Zealand at some point during their study.



Support for Students

Massey University has excellent support for students. Over 90% of our distance students rate our services as good or very good (Student Experience Survey, 2011).

An international support team is available to assist students studying by distance. They help during the orientation period as well as providing ongoing support throughout the year. Before getting started with their study our students have a number of online resources designed to introduce them to distance learning. These resources help students to think about the challenges of studying at a distance and better prepare them for success. One of our more popular resources is the Distance Learning Readiness Quiz:

- <http://distance-learning.massey.ac.nz>

An online orientation course is also available before the Semester starts which helps to introduce students to Massey University and the expectations of university study. The Teaching and Learning Centre can also help students develop good study practices and the academic skills to be a successful distance learner. Take a look at our comprehensive range of online writing, learning and study skills resources:

- <http://owl.massey.ac.nz>

Our award winning Library provides access to thousands of electronic resources in leading academic journals and publications in their field. Students can be assured that when they study through Massey they will not only have access to excellent library resources but the support of our specialist distance librarians. Online consultations are available when students are looking for specific resources. Take a look at our Library:

- <http://library.massey.ac.nz>

A range of health and wellbeing services is also available to support students through their study. Distance learners can also take advantage of Massey's career and employment services, resources and online tools to help them choose a career and find suitable work.



Apply to Study at Massey

Students can apply to study by working through our online enrolment forms. They may wish to work through one of our registered agents to assist with the process but we also welcome enquires and applications directly from prospective students. In some cases students may apply to enrol as a cohort where we have negotiated a tailored programme of study with our agents, other institutions or government bodies.

Massey's International Office is the first point of contact for course information and advice. Please contact us for any information about University programmes, admission requirements and any other questions you might have about studying at Massey. E-mail us at international@massey.ac.nz

Download the Application Form for admission as an international distance education student:

- <http://international.massey.ac.nz>

There is no application fee charged. Further information about our international courses fees and agent incentives is also available from the website.

Academic Entry Requirements

Students need to meet both the academic and English language requirements of their intended programme of study. Please refer to our website for specific criteria for pre-degree, undergraduate and postgraduate level applications. All applicants are assessed on a case by case basis.



Glossary of Key Terms

International Distance Education refers to students living outside of New Zealand studying for a degree or qualification through distance learning either fully or partially online.

Delivery is Fully Online refers to study via the Internet through Massey University's online learning environment (Stream). It usually involves a combination of online interaction between staff and students, access to course content in a digital format along with administration, submission of assignments and feedback mainly through the Internet.

Delivery is Partially Online refers to study through a combination of print-based study materials and online learning via the Internet through Massey University's online learning environment (Stream).

Some printed materials will be sent to students and these will be supported by online interaction between staff and students, access to additional course content in a digital format and administration, submission of assignments and feedback through the Internet.

Contact Course Available indicates that the degree or qualification may have the option of a residential contact course for students who wish to meet face-to-face with course staff and fellow students. Some contact courses may be compulsory.

Paper refers to an individual unit or module of study that contributes to a degree or qualification.

Programme refers to a whole degree or qualification that consists of separate papers or courses.

Stream refers to Massey University's online learning environment. Depending on the paper, students may have access to online discussion forums, the latest news in their subject, course notes, recent journal articles, podcasts, videos, online presentations, interactive exercises and activities, tests and quizzes. Stream also provides access to an electronic drop-box facility which supports online submission of assignments.



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If you are interested in short courses, contact:

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■ <http://pace.massey.ac.nz>

If you are interested in using our consultancy services, contact:

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■ <http://delfa.massey.ac.nz>

If you want to know more information about Massey, contact:

■ <http://massey.ac.nz>

■ <http://engine.ac.nz>

If you want to know more about visiting New Zealand, contact:

■ <http://www.newzealand.com>

■ <http://www.immigration.govt.nz>

Before students enrol in a degree or qualification with a contact course or residential component they need to familiarise themselves with relevant visa requirements. Please note that Massey University can take no responsibility for the outcome of visa applications.