Choosing a Campus:
Wellington
Where exactly is it?

Wellington is located on the southwestern shore of the North Island.

- Approximate distance from other Massey campuses:
  - Albany = 510 miles, 8.5 hour drive
  - Palmerston North = 88 miles, 2 hour drive
How big is it?

» The population is estimated to be around 200,000 in the city itself and around 500,000 for the entire Wellington region. The campus has about 3,200 enrolled students.

Wellington is approximately 112 mi² (for comparison, Madison is 84.7 mi².) The size generally feels comparable to Madison.
Where is the campus located?

» Much like Madison, the campus blends in with the city itself. Most attractions in the city are within walking distance or a single bus ride away.
What is the weather like?

- Because New Zealand is located in the southern hemisphere, seasons will be opposite from those in Wisconsin. If you leave for your program in the winter, you can expect to be greeted by summer temperatures in New Zealand.

- Because Wellington is located on the coast, summer temperatures are typically mild and between 60s-70s.

- Wellington winters are marked by frequent rain and temperatures around 40s-50s during the day and 30s-40s at night.
What is campus like?

Wellington’s campus is easy to navigate with the majority of buildings concentrated between Wallace Street and Tasman Street.
What is campus like?

- **This campus has on-site:**
  - Cafes
  - Rec center
  - Campus bookshop
  - Student Notes & Copy Center location
- Library
- Health & Counseling center
- Fitness center
- Student Lounge
What is the surrounding city like?

- With Massey’s campus located in the center of a New Zealand’s **youthful capital city**, there are countless sites to see and activities to choose from including:
  - Te Papa National Museum
  - Botanic Gardens
  - Royal New Zealand Ballet
  - Night Markets
  - Cuba Street (similar to Madison’s State Street)
  - Westpac Stadium events
  - Mount Victoria Lookout
  - Beaches
  - Tours at Parliament
  - Weta Cave (movie workshop)

Because Wellington is such a large and lively city, business and weekend hours are similar to those in Madison.
What is the surrounding city like?

- Westpac Stadium
- View of St Gerard’s Church and Monastery
- Wellington Market
- Te Raukura – Wharewaka Function Centre
- Wellington Night Market
What kinds of classes are available?

- Massey’s Wellington campus is a very creative campus. Students studying abroad here can take classes (called “papers”) in the following areas:
  - Agriculture
  - Art & Design
  - Business
  - Music
  - Communications & Journalism
  - Health
  - Humanities
  - Social Sciences
  - Media Studies

Check out Massey’s website to learn more about which papers will be offered for your duration!
What housing options are available?

- Students can live in one of Massey’s two residential halls, with a local family, or in a flat.
The Cube

• The Cube is located right next to campus. It houses both domestic and international students in apartment-style units. These units are either 5-bedroom, 3-bedroom, or studio apartments.

This hall is self-catered – each apartment has a full kitchen for you to use!

APPLY EARLY-
Recently residence halls for this campus have been filling up quickly, so you should apply asap if you want to live in a residence hall!
222 Willis

- 222 Willis is only a few extra minutes’ walk from campus and has a very modern feel. There are studio, 2-bedroom, and 4-bedroom apartments available.

★ This hall is self-catered – each apartment has a kitchen for you to use!
Homestay

» A homestay option is also available for international students. If a family environment appeals to you, Massey’s approved homestays can be a great way to really observe what it’s like to live in Wellington on a full-time basis and make local connections.

For more information on homestays in Wellington, you can check out this website.
Flats

Flatting is also possible for students who either choose to rent or do not secure housing in the residential halls. This can be a lengthy and independent process, so we recommend that you start researching early if you pursue this route!
What local transportation is available?

- Wellington has a sophisticated metro system that includes city buses, trains, and taxis. There are also ferry services that connect Wellington to the South Island.

- There are bicycle racks scattered on campus for cyclists. Just be sure to read up on the rules of the road for bikers in New Zealand – they may be different than Madison!

(As of Jan. 2017, NZ$1 = US$0.70)

*This budget estimate is for students who plan to use public transportation regularly.*

Students should prepare to budget around NZ$650 for local transportation services.*
What do I do about a phone?

There are multiple cell phone carriers to choose from including:

- Spark
- 2Degrees
- Skinny
- Vodafone

- If you have a smartphone that is “unlocked,” you can simply buy a new SIM card once abroad so that you can continue to use your own phone.
  - If you don’t know, you can contact your US phone provider to check!

- If you cannot use a new SIM card abroad, you may be able to use an old phone or buy a cheap flip phone once abroad.

- Make sure to consider what kind of plan you want to have before choosing a carrier – you may want more international minutes while you are abroad!
What’s the Wi-Fi situation?

» Free Wi-Fi is much more available in the US than in New Zealand. However, Wellington does have “cbdfree” Wi-Fi available at various locations throughout the city.

Students in 332 Willis use Citylink Wi-Fi. Unlimited plans are available at varying prices.

Students living in The Cube use Vistagate Wi-Fi. This internet provider offers both single & group pre-paid plans.

Typically students select an individual plan at NZ$20/month for unlimited Wi-Fi.

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A good rule of thumb in New Zealand is to never assume your Wi-Fi will be free.

With New Zealand’s low population density in certain areas, both data coverage and Wi-Fi are sparsely available. This is especially important to remember if you choose to travel the islands.

*Offline/paper maps are always a good idea!*
Planning for tech carriers

• It’s always good to consider which carriers you’ll want to use abroad, **but it’s not necessary to purchase anything** until you actually arrive in New Zealand.

• Wi-Fi is a good thing to prepare your budget for since you will be required to pay for your usage.
Have more questions about Wellington?

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