

# International student testimonial

**Emma Lee, Champlain College, USA**  
Tourism Management Study Abroad with NMIT

Emma's study schedule at NMIT included two courses led by NMIT's Katrina Marwick, **The Tourism and Hospitality Industry** and **Marketing for Tourism and Hospitality**. Emma said, "Katrina was the heart of these courses, she kept us motivated and instilled a lot of enthusiasm for the course and industry. I have never had a teacher quite like Katrina, the amount of effort she puts into teaching and the well-being of her students is incomparable to anything I have seen before." As part of her studies, Emma got to experience a field trip to the Abel Tasman National Park where she participated in a waka (Māori canoe) excursion, "This experience was great to see how New Zealand tourism operates first hand. I really respect how they run their business to incorporate the local community, cultural values and care for the environment. The owners are strongly connected to the environment, community and Māori culture."

Emma talks about volunteering at Marchfest, the annual Nelson beer festival, "This was one of the coolest experiences NMIT provided me. I met loads of people and made a bunch of valuable industry connections from all over the country." Emma got the chance to work off-campus for a number of days with the event team, "I am currently applying for an internship with the Vermont Brewers Association for when I return home and can definitely see how this experience and the reference will help me secure a position with them."

"My time at NMIT has shown me how interconnected all business operations are and the importance of building relationships across different industries (events, communications, hospitality and tourism). The NMIT courses have set me up for my future and shown me a new direction for my career."



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