

Deakin University Education Abroad Evaluation

Final Evaluation of the Program

The main purpose of this survey is to learn more about your study abroad experience. The information you provide is important; it can help us to improve the program and our role as advisors. The evaluation will also be made available to other students who are interested in learning more about the program.

Your response is confidential and will be combined with those of other participants in order for us to get a picture of the program. We would appreciate your honest and frank responses.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation in completing the questionnaire. Its usefulness - and our ability to improve future programs - depends upon your input.

**PLEASE COMPLETE THIS EVALUATION AFTER YOUR PROGRAM FINISHED
AND RETURN TO EDUCATION ABROAD OFFICE AT THE FOLLOWING**

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Background Information

Today's Date: 20/10/05

Major: HISTORY + PSYCHOLOGY

Year: 2005

Host Institution: BISHOP'S UNIVERSITY

City / Country: Winnipeg, Canada

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Host Institution Name: Bishop's University
Type of Exchange: Direct / ISEP / USAC
City / Country: Lennoxville / Canada
Dates Attended: From Jan 6 to April 30
Gender: Male / Female
Age: 19
Major: Psychology / History
Year: 2005

ACADEMIC

1. How many units did you take at your host institution? Please name units.

Quebec History
Child Psych II
Social Psych II
FRENCH 3

2. Compared to your experience in Australia, what kind of institutional approaches did the lecturers at your host institution use (e.g., lectures, seminars, tutorials, etc.)? How did this affect your academic experience?

- Optimal learning enviro't.
- 2 classes per week per subject (lecture + tutorial combined)
- Small classes, interesting teachers. Could ask questions during lectures.
- Constant assessment.

3. What was the nature of the workload and level of difficulty (e.g., class hours per week, assignments, field work, etc.) compared to Deakin University?

5 hrs of class per week vs 2 hrs - 3 hrs at Deakin
Less readings, easier standard = higher grades
More orals (good) with heavier mark weight than Deakin
Assignments similar to Deakin

4. How was your work evaluated (e.g., exams, essays, etc.)?

Tests (4 over semester) + assignment + oral
+ exam
(subject dependant)

5. Were you pleased, over all, with the academic component of your program? Were there any particular advantages or disadvantages in terms of pursuing your academic goals in the program?

I found the workload easier than at Deakin
(potentially, living on campus, not working a job helped
this)

I enjoyed small classes + interactive lectures (lecture/tute
together). 2 lectures/classes a week per subject
fantastic. Really great system - but a small school enabled this

COST I guess.

6. How did you finance your study abroad? (What % was provided by each of the sources below?)

Deakin Scholarship

10 %

Loans

60 %

Family Contribution

10 %

interest free loan

Personal Savings

30 %

Work Abroad

%

Outside Scholarships (specify:)

%

7. How did your living expenses abroad compare with those at Deakin?

Much less

Slightly less

About the same

Slightly more

Much more

(I lived @
home 13 1/2
otherwise, similar
costs)

8. Were you successful in keeping to a budget?

Yes

No

If not, why?

I didn't have a strict budget - just rough
amounts I didn't want to spend over. I didn't
know what to expect. - Maybe ED-ABROAD could provide
a 'how to keep a budget when away' sheet, with some
entertainment costs (eg rent snowboard rent + ticket costs)
provided (by returned students)?

9. Estimated monthly expense for:

Housing	\$ 300	} - guess, I've forgotten!
Food	\$ 300	
Books	\$ 100	(if you buy them all)
Local transport	\$ 30-50	
Entertainment	\$ 200	(limitless) → incl. board rent & tickets
Clothing	\$ 100	
Phone	\$	
Other	\$ 100	
Total	\$ 1400	

10. Vacation expenses: *- depends on where you go!*

Travel	\$ 25 - 50	↳ obviously more if you do a tour etc.
Accommodation	\$ 20 ≈ (per night @ hostel)	
Meals	\$ 50 (eating out) - less if cook yourself	

ACCOMMODATIONS and MEALS

11. Was housing arranged for you by the host institution? Yes No

If no, how did you find accommodation?

12. In what type of setting did you live?

(Please rate your level of satisfaction with each setting on a scale of 1 = lowest to 5 = highest.)

Host Family	1	2	3	4	5
University accommodation with meals	1	2	3	4	5
University accommodation, self-catered?	1	2	3	4	5
Rooming house	1	2	3	4	5
Single person flat / house	1	2	3	4	5
Shared flat / house	1	2	3	4	5

13. For most of the program, did you live

- alone
- with host country students
- with Australian students
- with other exchange / international students

Dorm style - Norwegian
Roommate,
Canadian
next door
neighbor

14. Did you have a choice of accommodation?

Yes No

15. If you moved, why did you move?

16. Please indicate arrangements you made for meals

- Provided by university accommodation
- Self-catering
- Eating out / Take away - occasional

WORK

17. Did you work abroad?

Yes No

18. Was employment easy to find?

Yes No

19. How did you find your job?

20. Did you work

- during the academic program (semester)? Yes No
- during vacations / holidays? Yes No
- legally with work permission? Yes No

HEALTH & SAFETY

21. Did your host university provide information and services to exchange/study abroad students on health and safety and legal issues regarding the exchange program?

Yes

No

22. Did your host university have appropriate emergency/crisis response measures in place?

Yes

No

23. Was airport reception provided?

Yes

No

↳ we got to a hostel & met them there

LIFE

24. How easy or difficult was it to meet and interact with host country students?

Easy → class

→ dorm life

* → cafeteria (if you approach)

→ Friends of friends

25. With whom you spend most of your time (e.g., host country students, Australian students, other exchange / international students)?

Roommate (Norway) close friend (Aussie)

Next door neighbors (Canada) + other Canadian friends
met @ cafe

26. What aspects of the host culture stand out in your mind?

SNOW

FREZZURA temperatures

SNOW culture → cheap skiing / sliding

Very friendly, similar to Australians

FRENCH - bilingual

SUMMARY and COMMENTS

27. Thinking back about what you packed, list those things which you didn't take abroad and later wished you had - and vice versa - those things which you took and didn't need or could have purchased on site:

TAKE ALONG:

- Earplugs (Rez is noisy AT 3 AM)
- Decent runners (won't fall apart $\frac{1}{2}$ way)
+ shoes
- Ski goggles (if you have them)

LEAVE BEHIND:

Big woolly jumpers \rightarrow heavy, polarfleece more efficient

(Buy most fleece in Canada, much cheaper)

28. What changes would you make in your program? What would you preserve?

Bishop's didn't organise much for exchange students in Sem 2. I would change that.

I left my travel (the biggest portion) for after the academic semester finished - by then you have travelling buddies. Also makes leaving easier!

29. What kind of advice would you give to students who are thinking about going on this program? Is there anything else you would like to tell students about your experiences?

At Bishop's drinking is HUGE. Decide BEFORE you go how much you will spend on alcohol, + determine not to go with the crowd (Some ppl spent up to \$5000 on booze)

Be hardcore in to the snow culture. Skiing is cheap, espec if you buy a secondhand board there.

Watch ice hockey games, build a snowman + introduce yourself to ppl. Eat at the cafe even if you don't know ppl, don't hide in your room alone. Exchange is about ppl!

Try & learn some French, they love it when you try.

Make friends with Canadians who have cars 😊

Travel by greyhound bus⁷ (uncomfortable but cheap) or hire car. HAVE FUN!