

Deakin University Exchange and Study Abroad Program Final Evaluation


With this evaluation the Education Abroad Office hopes to learn more about your exchange or study abroad experience. The information you provide is important as it will help the Education Abroad Office improve its programs and it will also give other students interested in participating in the programs more information about your exchange or study abroad destination.

The evaluation is confidential and we appreciate honest and frank responses as your answers help other students decide on their exchange or study abroad destination. It also helps us improve the programs for future students.

Please attach extra sheets if the space provided is not enough. We appreciate long and detailed answers!

Thank you in advance for completing the questionnaire.

PLEASE RETURN THE EVALUATION TO:


Education Abroad
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Course at Deakin: A328 Media & Communications
Major(s) at Deakin: Media & Communications, Journalism
Age: 21
Gender (please circle) Female Male
Semester(s) and year of exchange/study abroad program: Semester 2, Second year
Host University: University of EAST ANGLIA
Host Country: United Kingdom

ACADEMIC

1. Please list the units you took at your host university.

The Construction of news
Introduction to the European Union
European Media and the EU; News & Documentary

2. Compared to Deakin, what kind of teaching methods did the lecturers at your host university use (e.g. lectures, seminars, tutorials etc)?

How did this affect your academic experience?

lectures and seminars.
more structured and old fashion at University of East Anglia
- made some lectures difficult to concentrate /
keep attention

3. Compared to Deakin, what was the workload (e.g. class hours per week, assignments, field work, labs etc.) and the level of difficulty like?

similar contact hours, similar amount of work required, however standard of work was expected to be quite high.

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

Essays for most subjects. Some also had compulsory course tests in the final week.

5. Overall, were you happy with the academic component of your exchange/study abroad program?

Yes, definitely an experience.

COST

6. How did you finance your exchange/study abroad program? Please list by percentage (%).

Deakin University Travel Grant	5%
Deakin Scholarship	
UMAP Subsidy	
Personal Savings	75%
OS-HELP Loan	
Other Loans	
Family Contribution	20%
Income from working while studying at host university	
Outside scholarships (please specify scholarship)	

7. How did your living expenses abroad compare with your living expenses when in Australia?

Much less Slightly less About the same Slightly More Much More

8. Were you successful in keeping to a budget? Yes No

If yes/no, what were the reasons for this?

Planned a flexible budget, but aimed to
spend about 10 pounds per day.

9. Please outline your approximate monthly budget whilst overseas

Housing	\$ 1000
Food	\$ 500
Text Books	\$ 200 (one off)
Local Transport	\$ 300
Entertainment	\$ 300
Clothing	\$ 250
Phone	\$ 50
Other Expenses	\$ 100
Total	\$ 2700

10. Please outline your approximate travel costs (if any)

Travel \$ 3,500 (all up)
Accommodation \$ 3,300
Meals \$ 1,000
Other Expenses \$ _____

ACCOMMODATIONS

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

If no, how did you find accommodation?

12. If the host university arranged accommodation, did you have a choice of housing?

Yes No

13. What kind of accommodation did you live in?

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

University accommodation with meals	1	2	3	4	5
University accommodation, self-catered	1	2	3	<input checked="" type="radio"/> 4	5
Host Family	1	2	3	4	5
Shared Flat or House	1	2	3	4	5
Single person flat or house	1	2	3	4	5
Rooming House	1	2	3	4	5

14. For most of the program, did you live

_____ alone
_____ with hosting country students
_____ with Australian students
_____ with other exchange or international students

15. If you moved, why did you move?

16. Please indicate arrangements you made for meals

_____	Provided by university accommodation
_____	<u>Self-catering</u>
_____	<u>Eating out/take away</u>
_____	Provided by host family

WORK

17. Did you work while participating in the exchange/study abroad program? Yes No

18. Was employment easy to find? Yes No

19. If you worked, how did you find your job?

20. If you worked, did you work

- during the semester?	Yes <input type="radio"/>	No <input type="radio"/>
- during vacations or holidays?	Yes <input type="radio"/>	No <input type="radio"/>
- legally with work permission?	Yes <input type="radio"/>	No <input type="radio"/>

21. Please write any comments you have in regards to finding a job in your host country (please feel free to comment even if you did not work).

HEALTH AND SAFETY

22. Did your host university provide information and services to exchange/study abroad students on health and safety and legal issues relevant for your stay in the host country?

Yes No

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

Yes No Not Sure

24. Did you need medical attention at any point by the host university? Yes No

25. Did you need medical attention at any point during the program? Yes No

26. If you needed medical attention, please describe how easy or difficult this was to obtain.

27. Did you claim anything on your insurance whilst on the program? Yes No

28. If you made an insurance claim, please describe how easy or difficult this was to make. Please also make any comments you think may aid future students when making an insurance claim.

LIFE AT YOUR HOST UNIVERSITY AND IN YOUR HOST COUNTRY

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

Fairly easy as most lived on campus, so would make friends with flatmates and their friends.

30. With whom did you spend most of your time with (e.g. host country students, Australian students, other exchange/study abroad or international students?)

What were the reasons you spent most of your time with those students?

local students, some Australians, some Americans

31. What aspects of the host university stand out in your mind?

social networks and associated organisations

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

accent, more reserved/quiet approach to daily life.

SUMMARY AND COMMENTS

33. 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:

DVDs & other entertainment → difficult to find rental outlets in UK.

LEAVE BEHIND:

- jackets - could have bought in England for similar prices

34. What changes would you make to your exchange/study abroad program?

What would you preserve?

Consider more closely staying for the year, otherwise, very happy with how things went.

35. 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?

Plan effectively → don't leave it to the last minute
see what social activities the university provides and how strong the student union is.
- If its strong, it should mean they have alot to do offer with many activities