

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: Food Science & Nutrition

Major(s) at Deakin: -

Age: 19

Gender (please circle) Female Male

Semester(s) and year of exchange/study abroad program: semester 2, 2007

Host University: University of Guelph

Host Country: Canada

ACADEMIC

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

NUTR* 2050 Family & community nutrition
NUTR* 3120 Fundamentals of nutrition
FOOD* 3210 Food Microbiology

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?

2 units used slide shows, 1 used overhead slides prepared by lecturer by hand.
I found the teaching methods similar, no units had tutorials. Pracs for science subjects were weekly.

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?

More class hours & weekly labs. 3 hours of lectures per week is standard.
greater work load during the semester. - more assignments, level of difficulty was similar or even less than deakin, lower standards.

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

Assignments, tests, lab reports weekly per unit
mid term exams, one worth about the same as end of year exams (not as much emphasis on end of year exams, makes greater workload)

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

I was very happy with the academic component as I believe that a greater emphasis on work throughout the year is a better way to learn than memorising for exams at the end of year & I think I have retained a lot more information from university in Canada than I do in Aust. which will help me career wise.

COST

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

Deakin University Travel Grant	<u>30%</u>
Deakin Scholarship	<u>7%</u>
UMAP Subsidy	<u>-</u>
Personal Savings	<u>25% 40%</u>
OS-HELP Loan	<u>-</u>
Other Loans	<u>-</u>
Family Contribution	<u>8%</u>
Income from working while studying at host university	<u>-</u>
Outside scholarships (please specify scholarship)	<u>centrelink 15%</u>

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?

didn't allow for exchange rate differences, need to buy appropriate clothing for winter conditions in Canada, money made it harder to keep to my budget.

9. Please outline your approximate monthly budget whilst overseas

Housing	\$ <u>1000</u>	<u>4000</u>
Food	\$ <u>300</u>	<u>1200</u>
Text Books	\$ <u>350 total</u>	<u>550</u>
Local Transport	\$ <u>60 total</u>	<u>80</u>
Entertainment	\$ <u>300</u>	<u>1200</u>
Clothing	\$ <u>4000 1000 total</u>	<u>300</u>
Phone	\$ <u>-</u>	<u>1200</u>
Other Expenses	\$ _____	
Total	\$ <u>7000</u>	

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

Travel	\$	<u>1000</u>	<u>(5 weeks)</u>
Accommodation	\$	<u>1000</u>	
Meals	\$	<u>1000</u>	
Other Expenses	\$	<u> </u>	

ACCOMMODATIONS

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

If no, how did you find accommodation?

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

14. For most of the program, did you live

_____	alone
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> _____	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

<hr/>	Provided by university accommodation
<hr/> ✓	Self-catering
<hr/>	Eating out/take away
<hr/>	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

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

20. If you worked, did you work

- during the semester?	Yes	No
- during vacations or holidays?	Yes	No
- legally with work permission?	Yes	No

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.

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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.

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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 however I would have liked to meet more host country students.

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?

Australians & other host exchange students.
- most activities were for exchange students, host students weren't as enthusiastic about field trips & excursions as exchange students.
Australians - more in common.

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

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