

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 AND EMAIL TO:

Education Abroad

Education-abroad@deakin.edu.au

Course at Deakin: Bachelor of Commerce/Bachelor of law

Major(s) at Deakin: Finance_____

Age: __21_____

Gender (please circle) **Female** Male

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

Host University: _____University of Hull_____

Host Country: _____United Kingdom_____

ACADEMIC

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

International Financial Management, Financial Management, Employment Law

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?

Very similar to Deakin, Lectures and tutes. Some tutes ran weekly others alternate weeks. Law tutorials required prepared questions to be submitted before the class to the teacher.

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?

About 10 contact hours a week. Finance subjects were pretty easy to handle incl. assignments. Employment law involved a lot of reading; cases and article. Abstract outline and bibliography (AOB) needed to be submitted before essay for employment law. Employment involved a lot of un-assessed tasks which we were graded and told would be used in borderline cases.

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

Finance subjects: 25% Assign, 75% exam

Law: 50% Assign, 50% Exam

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

Yes

COST

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

Deakin University Travel Grant	_____
Deakin Scholarship	_____
UMAP Subsidy	_____
Personal Savings	_____
OS-HELP Loan	_____
Other Loans	_____
Family Contribution	100%
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?

Not used to having one!

9. Please outline your approximate monthly budget whilst overseas

Housing	\$ 730_____
Food	\$ 100_____
Text Books	\$ 300_____
Local Transport	\$ 20_____
Entertainment	\$ 250_____
Clothing	\$ 100_____
Phone	\$ 50_____
Total	\$ 1550_____

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

Travel	\$ 2500_____
Accommodation	\$ 3000_____
Meals	\$ _500_____
Other Expenses	\$ _____

ACCOMMODATIONS

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

If no, how did you find accommodation?

Excellent, big rooms. Houses had been refurbished and everything was new. Heating could have been better.

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	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

With other exchange or international students

15. If you moved, why did you move?

16. Please indicate arrangements you made for meals

Self-catering

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

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|---------------------------------|-----|----|
| - 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 you 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?

It was pretty easy to meet and talk to local students, although English people can come across as standoffish at first

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?

Other International students and some local. Had a great time learning about other cultures and about local culture.

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

Beautiful campus, own nightclub and each faculty had a café, huge 8 storey library.

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

Willingness to get everyone involved in things, whether it be functions, weekend trips, sports

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:

Warm clothes- gloves, coat, beanie, camera, clothes for going out, something to wear for the winter ball, stationary, a journal, international adapters, small calc for exchange rate stuff and an umbrella is a must!

LEAVE BEHIND:

Bathroom products...you can get everything you need over there! Less summer clothes....despite what people tell you!

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

What would you preserve?

No changes!

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?

It's an experience you will not forget!