

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:


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Course at Deakin Bachelor of Contemporary Arts (Drama)
Major(s) at Deakin Drama
Age 21
Gender (please circle) Female Male
Semester(s) and year of exchange/study abroad program 2006, Semester One
Host university Hunter College
Host country America

ACADEMIC

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

Basic Voice & Movement

Screen Directing

Representation of Race In the Media

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?

longer more active classes - in class lectures w v.
detailed content - the intensity probably made me
listen more.

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

Much the same. I was there 2 1/2 days with
equal amount of assignments - similar level
of work standard, if not abit easier...

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

I had one exam and many essays. the
system was similar - except they worked in
'pages' rather than 'word count' - that was
difficult.

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

Yes - my subjects were new & interesting
& interactive without being too much &
taking up too much time.

COST

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

Deakin University travel grant _____
 Deakin scholarship _____
 UMAP subsidy _____
 Personal savings _____
 OS-HELP loan _____
 Other loans _____
 Family contribution _____
 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?
 If no, what were the reasons for this?

Yes No

Yes & No. Yes for New York, No because I
came back in debt.

9. Please outline your approximate monthly budget while overseas

Housing	\$ 120
Food	\$ 300 300
Text books	\$ 150
Local transport	\$ 100 100
Entertainment	\$ 400
Clothing	\$ —
Phone	\$ 50
Other expenses	\$ _____
Total	\$ 1000 - 1500

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

Travel	\$ _____
Accommodation	\$ _____
Meals	\$ _____
Other expenses	\$ _____

ACCOMMODATIONS

11. Was accommodation arranged for you by the host institution?
If no, how did you find accommodation?

Yes

No

stayed with a relative.
(But Honder does have a fantastic dorm
set-up!!)

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	<input checked="" type="radio"/> 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 host country students
 with Australian students
 with other exchange or international students

— with an American
roommate

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

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?

I asked around, ended up doing Olive Oil Demos in 5-star supermarkets for Australian Olive Oil. I also worked as a coat-check girl for awhile.

20. If you worked, did you work

- during the semester?

Yes

No

- during vacations or holidays?

Yes

No

- legally with work permission?

Yes

No

kind of

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).

it is really easy to find work in New York if you don't mind hospitality / restaurant type work!

HEALTH AND SAFETY

21. 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

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

Yes

No

Not sure

23. Was airport reception/pick-up provided by the host university?

Yes

No

24. Did you need medical attention at any point during the program?

Yes

No

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

26. Did you claim anything on your insurance while on the program?

Yes

No

27. 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

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

It became really easy once I got involved.

29. With whom you spend most of your time (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?

Host country students! I felt it was more important to meet the locals rather than other exchange students - that way you discover the hidden secrets of the place you are in.

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

The creativeness, openness & energy of its people. Its location (right on Central Park)

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

America - it was a whole new cultural discovery - completely different to what I could've imagined.

SUMMARY AND COMMENTS

32. 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:

the things that make you feel comfortable even if some of them are a little impractical

LEAVE BEHIND:

everything in excess. Leave lots of room to fit your bag in the things you collect away.. it helps in the change of the transition between two different countries.

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

Nothing. Wouldn't change a thing.

34. 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?

Definitely take the leap & do it. It will/can change your life entirely - there's something truly amazing about being a local @ a school somewhere else.