

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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Burwood VIC 3125
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Course at Deakin: B. Commerce/ Science

Major(s) at Deakin: Economics / Psychology

Age: 19

Gender (please circle) Female Male

Semester(s) and year of exchange/study abroad program: 1 semester, 2nd year

Host University: Jönköping University

Host Country: Sweden

ACADEMIC

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

Basic Data Analysis
Marketing Management
Business Informatics
Macroeconomic Theory Intermediate

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 tutorials. Experience was very similar to Deakin. Covered coursework in lecture and exercises done in tutes.

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?

The semester was split in half, and 2 classes are taken for 5 weeks and then 2 exams. Then you begin another 2 classes for the remaining 5 weeks and then 2 exams. 6 hours a week. Some classes had assignments. All had heavily weighted exam.

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

Mainly in the exam though some units did have assignments. All units I took were either easier or the same difficulty as Deakin classes.

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

Yes, as only 2 units were taken at a time you could spend longer studying rather than revising for all 4 units at once like Deakin.

COST

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

Deakin University Travel Grant	0
Deakin Scholarship	0
UMAP Subsidy	0
Personal Savings	50
OS-HELP Loan	0
Other Loans	40 (covered at uni study)
Family Contribution	10
Income from working while studying at host university	0
Outside scholarships (please specify scholarship)	0

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?

In the first month I spent alot getting set up.
But once you get used to shopping and getting
around you get good at finding places with reasonable prices

9. Please outline your approximate monthly budget whilst overseas

Housing	\$ 450
Food	\$ 300
Text Books	\$ 200 (for all textbooks)
Local Transport	\$ 35
Entertainment	\$ 300
Clothing	\$ 100
Phone	\$ 70
Other Expenses	\$ -
Total	\$ 1455

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

Travel	\$	<u>2800 flight</u>
Accommodation	\$	<u>-</u>
Meals	\$	<u>-</u>
Other Expenses	\$	<u>100 train</u>

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

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

14. For most of the program, did you live

<input type="checkbox"/>	alone
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	with hosting country students
<input type="checkbox"/>	with Australian students
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	with other exchange or international students

15. If you moved, why did you move?

16. Please indicate arrangements you made for meals

<input type="checkbox"/>	Provided by university accommodation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Self-catering
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Eating out/take away
<input type="checkbox"/>	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="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
- during vacations or holidays?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
- legally with work permission?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

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).

In Sweden they have a very high income tax system making it rather pointless to work on exchange.

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?

Very easy. We were set up with a Swedish student who showed us around, introduced us etc. In O'weeks we were in groups of 15 students who met before the parties/events etc.

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?

Most time spent with Swedes because they were very willing to interact and meet internationals. Also in the student apartments we lived with all other international students so was easy to meet new people.

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

They put in a lot of effort to make sure you meet local Swedes and know the town to help you feel at home.

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

The university warned us Swedes were conservative and shy, however all the Swedes we met were outgoing and always had fun, also got very involved in the parties and uni pub nights.

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:

Bring at least 3 adapters
Bring warm and cold clothes even for a place like Sweden.
Bring 1 heavy thick coat and thermals, as they were expensive

LEAVE BEHIND:

Towels, Sheets, Pillows, Cases etc. IKEA had it all and cheap.

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

What would you preserve?

I would try to travel more on weekends during the semester rather than rushing in places before flying back to Australia

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?

Exchange in Sweden was fantastic. Jönköping was a great uni and the people were used to internationals and willing to help. Staying in the student apartments you mix with swedes and other internationals and you will have a great time.