

## 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  
Deakin University  
70 Elgar Road,  
Burwood VIC 3125  
Fax: 03 9251 7754**

Course at Deakin: BACHELOR OF APPLIED SCIENCE

Major(s) at Deakin: ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE

Age: 22

Gender (please circle)                      Female      Male

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

Host University: MASSEY UNIVERSITY

Host Country: NEW ZEALAND

## ACADEMIC

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

TELEVISION STUDIES

BLOCKBUSTER'S: HISTORY AS SEEN THROUGH THE MOVIES

CLIMATE CHANGE AND NATURAL DISASTERS

ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING

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?

Each class had one or two lectures each week, plus weekly or bi-weekly tutorials.

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?

There was between 2-4 hours of class time each week for each class. Each class had weekly readings, and we were required to do about 4 ~~assignments~~ assignments for each class that were done throughout the semester.

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

For all of my classes the main source of assessment was done through exams. Each exam went for 3 hours, and was worth between 40% - 70% of the overall mark. Smaller assignments, worth about 10%, were done as well.

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

Yes, very happy. Because there was only a small number of environmental related classes, it was a good chance to try some different things. Each class had some very interesting components to them.

**COST**

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

|   |     |
|---|-----|
| Deakin University Travel Grant                        | 50% |
| Deakin Scholarship                                    |     |
| UMAP Subsidy  |     |
| Personal Savings                                      | 50% |
| 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?**   Yes   No

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

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**9. Please outline your approximate monthly budget whilst overseas**

|                 |                       |
|-----------------|-----------------------|
| Housing         | \$ <del>700</del> 800 |
| Food            | \$ <del>100</del> 400 |
| Text Books      | \$ 0                  |
| Local Transport | \$ 0                  |
| Entertainment   | \$ 200                |
| Clothing        | \$ 0                  |
| Phone           | \$ 0                  |
| Other Expenses  | \$ 100                |
| <b>Total</b>    | \$ 1500               |

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

|                |                                |
|----------------|--------------------------------|
| Travel         | \$ <u><del>1500</del> 1000</u> |
| Accommodation  | \$ <u>300</u>                  |
| Meals          | \$ <u>400</u>                  |
| Other Expenses | \$ <u>250</u>                  |

**ACCOMMODATIONS**

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

**If no, how did you find accommodation?**

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**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)**

|  |   |   |   |          |   |
|--|---|---|---|----------|---|
| <u>University accommodation with meals</u> | 1 | 2 | 3 | <u>4</u> | 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**

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

**15. If you moved, why did you move?**

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**16. Please indicate arrangements you made for meals**

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Provided by university accommodation |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Self-catering                        |
| <input 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?**

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**20. If you worked, did you work**

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|---------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| - 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).**

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**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.**

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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?

Very simple, due to the fact I was living with a large group of them.

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?

I spent a lot of my time with a group of study abroad students from the U.S.A. This was because we planned to do the same things, such as visiting tourist spots.

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

The friendliness of the other students, and the beautiful trees, and plants surrounding the campus.

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

Their proud maori heritage and their passion for rugby.

## 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:

Plenty of warm cloths.  
A camera.

### LEAVE BEHIND:

Phone.

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

What would you preserve?

I would do some research on my ~~destination~~ on the country before heading over, but the program itself was very well organised.

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?

Try and see as much of the country as possible. This is achievable due to the small size of the country. And don't assume that it's going to be the same as Australia, although there are similarities, it has a culture all to its self.