

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
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Course at Deakin: Bachelor of Physical Education

Major(s) at Deakin: Health & Physical Education

Age: 23

Gender (please circle)

Female

Male

Semester(s) and year of exchange/study abroad program: 2nd semester of 07 & ~~2nd~~^{1st} of 08.

Host University: Southern Oregon University, OREGON

Host Country: USA

ACADEMIC

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

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|---|--------------------------------|-------------------------|
| - Health & Society | - Intro to teaching | - Badminton |
| - Professional Activities; Racquet sports | - Nutrition | - Whitewater activities |
| - Physiology of exercise | - Leadership & MGT | - Foundations of PE |
| - Exercise prescription & testing | - Adventure based facilitation | - Motor Development |
| - Anatomy & Physiology | - Golf | |

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?

Just like Deakin, the lectures were boring & tough to stay focused in & the tutorials & labs were better learning environments.

The classes were more relaxed than at Deakin

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?

Workload was similar but much easier. Although it was easier, it was more relevant to my course.

It was set up similar to High school, with little quiz's, some assignments & an exam.

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

Attendance, quiz's, assignments & exams.

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

Yes, I learned some great things that I'll definitely apply to my teaching.
I'll definitely be a better teacher for my experience over there.

COST

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

Deakin University Travel Grant	\$ 4,500	20%
Deakin Scholarship	—	
UMAP Subsidy	—	
Personal Savings	\$ 10,000	50%
OS-HELP Loan	—	
Other Loans	—	
Family Contribution	\$ 5,000	25%
Income from working while studying at host university	\$ 1,000	5%
Outside scholarships (please specify scholarship)	—	
	\$ 20,000	100%

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?

I extended my stay for an extra 2 terms than planned so I had to call on family to help. Plus you drink tons more beer than you plan to, & although its heaps cheaper than here, it still costs money!

9. Please outline your approximate monthly budget whilst overseas

Housing	\$ (900)
Food	\$
Text Books	\$ 50
Local Transport	\$ 20
Entertainment	\$ 300
Clothing	\$ 20
Phone	\$ 40
Other Expenses (90% of this was beer)	\$ 100
Total	\$ 1430

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? Yes No

If no, how did you find accommodation?

*lived in
dorms. Great but
expensive*

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	<input checked="" type="radio"/> 4	<input checked="" type="radio"/> 5 <i>Great but expensive</i>
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 - *in my own dorm room.*
 _____ with hosting country students
 _____ with Australian students
 _____ with other exchange or international students

15. If you moved, why did you move?

Didn't move

16. Please indicate arrangements you made for meals

_____	<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?

I worked at the cafeteria. I just asked if there were any jobs. It was easy to get work, everyone who wanted a job had no ~~trouble~~ trouble finding one on campus somewhere.

20. If you worked, did you work

- during the semester?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No
- during vacations or holidays?	<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No
- legally with work permission?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> 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).

Too ~~is~~ restrictive with how you can't work off campus. Makes no sense to me. Also too much hassle with getting paid.

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.

Easy. I ripped my big toe nail off playing rugby & I went straight to the health centre & they were great.

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.

Easy as pie. They did it for me.

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?

Easy. Living in the dorms made it great & easy to network. Plus playing Rugby made it easy to network as well. Others exchange students who weren't in the dorms didn't find it so easy.

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?

Americans pretty much the whole time. Lived with them, played sport with them & went out with them. I was also close to the exchange crew & I went out a lot with them as well.

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

Such a great lifestyle. UNI life in America is so much better than Australia, its a whole community you & everyone else becomes a part of, unlike here. SOU's situated in the a beautiful part of Oregon, that was great aswell.

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

Not quite as relaxed as us Aussies. The bad Americans were terrible people, but the good ones you come across are amazing people who love to get the most out of life.
-Bit too political as well!

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:

More aussie clothes, like footy tops, aussie brands, & aussie logo shirts. And aussie products like stubby holders, flags, etc. They make the best presents for ppl. when you leave & you can swap them for USA tops.

LEAVE BEHIND:

Took too many clothes & socks & definitely shoes. Its cheap over there & you can get good, cheap stuff over there to fill your bag with.

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

What would you preserve?

Make it cheaper! Apply for more funding, scholarships, grants, anything to make it cheaper!

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?

If you go & live the college life in USA, you MUST stay in the dorms. It does cost a lot but its the only way to truly experience it like the movies.

Also if you're not 21, get a fake ID, because its depressing if you can't drink & go out. The highlight of the trip is going to the bars so be 21, legally or illegally!!