

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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Burwood VIC 3125
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Course at Deakin: Arts (Public Relations)

Major(s) at Deakin: _____

Age: 21

Gender (please circle)

Female

Male

Semester(s) and year of exchange/study abroad program: 1st Semester 2008

Host University: SWANSEA UNIVERSITY

Host Country: WALES (BRITAIN)

ACADEMIC

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

- Global Marketing
- SPORT IN BRITISH SOCIETY.
- Science, war and Society.

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?

The teaching methods didn't vary that greatly between the universities. Tutorials did vary as they were only undertaken once every month in groups of no more than 5. Personally I didn't like this approach and would rather have 1 lecture and 1 tutorial per the week.

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?

I would say that the contact hours were marginally less than that of Deakin's, as tutorials were not performed each week. Assignments and workloads were similar to Deakin's.

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

Coursework assessed the same.

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

Yes, the academic component was sufficient whilst I was on exchange.

COST

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

Deakin University Travel Grant	10%
Deakin Scholarship	-
UMAP Subsidy	-
Personal Savings	10%
OS-HELP Loan	20%
Other Loans	
Family Contribution	20% 60%
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?

Yes, because I had planned right down to the last day where and when I could spend money. Keeping a budget is very important when travelling.

9. Please outline your approximate monthly budget whilst overseas

Housing	\$ 700
Food	\$ 450
Text Books	\$ -
Local Transport	\$ 200
Entertainment	\$ 400
Clothing	\$ 50
Phone	\$ 60
Other Expenses	\$ 100
Total	\$ 1950

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

Travel \$ 1500
Accommodation \$ 500
Meals \$ 300
Other Expenses \$ 300

ACCOMMODATIONS

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

If no, how did you find accommodation?

However I did have a little bit of trouble with my accomodation as, Swansea Uni was a little tardy with passing on info.

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	<input checked="" type="radio"/> 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
5 British Students with hosting country students
 with Australian students
 with other exchange or international students

15. If you moved, why did you move?

16. Please indicate arrangements you made for meals

_____	Provided by university accommodation
<u>mainly cooked</u>	<u>Self-catering</u>
_____	<u>Eating out/take away</u>
_____	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="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).

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?

Personally I found it very easy to fit in with the local students. I found Swansea to be a very friendly place and found that they were welcoming. Making an aussie accent counts.

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 would say that I spent most of my time with host country students, but also interacted with other exchange students. The reason why was to understand the culture of British people.

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

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

- friendly
- very social
- sporting culture
- PARTY culture
- family orientated

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:

I can honestly say that I didn't forget anything when I packed. I used everything that I took.

LEAVE BEHIND:

Above:

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

What would you preserve?

~~Nothing~~ In my case the exchange program worked very well. I couldn't see any major problems with my experience.

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?

The one bit of advice I will give is that students should enjoy their time and appreciate their experiences. It is a once in a lifetime opportunity to learn about yourself. ~~and enjoy~~ The experience and confidence that can be gained from exchange is life changing. If students plan well and stick to a budget, it can be a very rewarding time. Being by yourself around the other side of the world matures you and gives you a greater outlook on life. Students should keep an open mind and try and participate in as many activities as possible.