

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 Arts/Commerce

Major(s) at Deakin: International Relations/Finance

Age: 22

Gender (please circle)

Female

Male

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

Host University: Tecnológico de Monterrey

Host Country: Mexico

ACADEMIC

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

R100-831 Teoria de las relaciones internacionales I
international relations theory I
R100-834 Negociacion y resolucion de conflictos internacion
International conflict negotiations
R199-821 Instituciones y organismos internacionales
International organisations

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?

They were all tutorials, which ~~good~~ was good because it enable me to become close to my teacher.

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?

Compared to Deakin the workload was a lot less, and everything was a lot easier; assignments & exams etc

However, I was taking classes in english and the majority of my classmates spoke english as a second or third language.

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

Mostly group projects. There were group essays and a group presentation and some tests.

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

Yes

COST

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

Deakin University Travel Grant	5%
Deakin Scholarship	
UMAP Subsidy	
Personal Savings	85%
OS-HELP Loan	
Other Loans	
Family Contribution	10%
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?

In Australia I have almost no living expenses, so this is why they were higher whilst on exchange. But I had youth allowance to help me stay under budget.

9. Please outline your approximate monthly budget whilst overseas

Housing	\$ 500
Food	\$ 150
Text Books	\$ 100
Local Transport	\$ 0
Entertainment	\$ 300
Clothing	\$ 0
Phone	\$ 100 \$ 50
Other Expenses	\$
Total	\$ 1100

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?

At first I was living in housing arranged by the uni. However, I moved within the first 3 days because the housing was bad, expensive and was very strict. I just found an apartment close to the uni and moved there. There is a lot of houses/apartments in the surrounding area of uni.

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	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
Yes _____ with other exchange or international students

15. If you moved, why did you move?

see question 11

16. Please indicate arrangements you made for meals

_____	Provided by university accommodation
<u>Sometimes</u>	Self-catering
<u>most of the time</u>	Eating out/take away
_____	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 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.

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?

despite the language barrier it was easy to interact with host country students.

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 most of my time with other international students mostly from Spain, other parts of Europe and the USA.

I lived with 3 guys from Spain

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

The size of the campus, the security on campus and the number of student/international students

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

The huge gap between rich & poor, the food

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 think ~~to~~ I took everything I needed. If not I could
of bought it there.

LEAVE BEHIND:

I wish I left behind my suit (I didn't need it)

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

What would you preserve?

Nothing I think it was great

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 they are going to Mexico be careful when dealing
with authorities eg police, customs, migration corruption
is a problem in Mexico.

And if you hire someone to do a service do not pay
them until the ~~serv~~ job is done.

Other than that Mexico is a great place to go
for exchange or travel.