

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:


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Course at Deakin

DB23, Arts (International Relations) / Law

Major(s) at Deakin

IR, Law

Age

22

Gender (please circle)

Female

Male

Semester(s) and year of exchange/study abroad program

SEM 2, 2006

Host university

Greelit University

Host country

The Netherlands

ACADEMIC

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

Dutch Present - Day Society
Postcolonial Europe
Nationalism
Knowledge, Society and Humanities

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?

compulsory attendance to lects. Seminars instead of tut / lect structure. Both encouraged greater interest & interaction.

3. Compared to Deakin, what was the workload (e.g. class hours per week, assignments, field work, labs etc) and level of difficulty like?

Workload was much less. Expectation was weaker b/c english was most students 2nd language.

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

Assessed by the course director.
Point system 7-10.

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

I performed pretty well. Generally I do better at Arts subjects than law so no surprises!

COST

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

Deakin University travel grant	_____	15%.
Deakin scholarship	_____	
UMAP subsidy	_____	
Personal savings	_____	35%.
OS-HELP loan	_____	50%.
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 no, what were the reasons for this?

Travelled too much in the beginning.
Did not take enough money
to begin with.

9. Please outline your approximate monthly budget while overseas

Housing	\$	600
Food	\$	300
Text books	\$	300
Local transport	\$	
Entertainment	\$	300
Clothing	\$	
Phone	\$	100
Other expenses	\$	
Total	\$	<u>1600</u>

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?
If no, how did you find accommodation?

Yes

No

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	<input checked="" type="radio"/> 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 host 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
 Self-catering
 Eating out/take away

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	No
- during vacations or holidays?	Yes	No
- legally with work permission?	Yes	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).

We were unable to find work
b/c we didn't speak Dutch.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

21. 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

22. Did your host university have appropriate emergency/crisis response measures in place?

Yes No Not sure

23. Was airport reception/pick-up provided by the host university? Yes No

24. Did you need medical attention at any point during the program? Yes No

25. If you needed medical attention, please describe how easy or difficult this was to obtain.

Easy, although very expensive!!!

26. Did you claim anything on your insurance while on the program? Yes No

27. 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.

Stolen Jewellery.
* make sure you report any stolen goods within 24 hrs.

LIFE AT YOUR HOST UNIVERSITY AND IN YOUR HOST COUNTRY

28. How easy or difficult was it to meet and interact with host country students?

Not very easy. Lived w
international students only. Hard
to develop friendships w dutch
kids b/c they're already established.

29. With whom you spend most of your time (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?

Australian and International
students - because we lived
together.

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

Amazing architecture. Very
good lecturers, all very
excited by their chosen
field of study.

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

Considering the seemingly
"open + liberal" image of the
Dutch, they were quite
conservative at times!

SUMMARY AND COMMENTS

32. 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:

LEAVE BEHIND:

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

Making students more aware
that it's an independent program
& not to rely on the
office too much.

34. 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?

Don't spend time of worrying
about things at home. Really
live there!