

# 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  
221 Burwood Highway  
Burwood VIC 3125  
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Course at Deakin Bachelor Science / Arts  
Major(s) at Deakin Drama, Human Genetics + Environmental  
Age Management  
Gender (please circle) Female  Male   
Semester(s) and year of exchange/study abroad program 2006 - Semester I  
Host university University of Waterloo  
Host country Canada

## ACADEMIC

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

Drama - Intermediate Performer  
Drama - Voice Techniques  
Science - Perspectives on International Tourism  
Science - Corporate Sustainability + Issues + Prospects

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?

Lectures, tutorials + workshops.  
Very similar to Deakin, however attendance is more carefully observed.

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

Similar, except my science class "Corporate Sustainability" involved much more reading (and check ups) than I had experienced before.  
Much appreciated though, very informative.

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

Exams, assignments + presentations

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

Yes, very!  
Waterloo is an exceptionally good academic school.

# COST

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

Deakin University travel grant	<u>1,500</u>
Deakin scholarship	<del>4,000</del> <u>0</u>
UMAP subsidy	<del>4,000</del> <u>4,000</u>
Personal savings	<u>3,000</u>
OS-HELP loan	<u>5,000</u>
Other loans	<u>—</u>
Family contribution	<u>—</u>
Income from working while studying at host university	<u>—</u>
Outside scholarships (please specify scholarship)	<u>—</u>

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?

I traveled afterwards (and before) my studying so I made a weekly budget, and kept to it as well as I could. I found it difficult to organize an accurate budget in advance, but believe it to be extremely important.

9. Please outline your approximate monthly budget while overseas

Housing	\$	<u>PAID IN FULL AT BEGINNING OF YEAR</u>
Food	\$	<u>250</u>
Text books	\$	<u>50 — all up</u>
Local transport	\$	<u>50 bus to Toronto</u>
Entertainment	\$	<u>200</u>
Clothing	\$	<u>—</u>
Phone	\$	<u>— free local calls</u>
Other expenses	\$	<u>—</u>
<b>Total</b>	\$	<u>550</u>

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

Travel	\$	<u>300</u>
Accommodation	\$	<u>100</u>
Meals	\$	<u>—</u>
Other expenses	\$	<u>—</u>

Bus, flights etc  
Hostels  
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# ACCOMMODATIONS

11. Was accommodation arranged for you by the host institution?  
If no, how did you find accommodation?

Yes

No

Advise against staying at Columbia Lake Village. Far away from the university, and on the wrong side of town if you're interested in bus/shopping/etc

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.)

<del>University accommodation with meals</del>	1	2	3	4	5
University accommodation, self-catered	1	<input checked="" type="radio"/> 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 host country students
- with Australian students
- with other exchange or international students

15. If you moved, why did you move?

At the end of semester, to  
move home.  
Wish I did earlier!!

16. Please indicate arrangements you made for meals

- Provided by university accommodation
- Self-catering
- Eating out/take away

all the above

## 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

- 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).

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## 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.

Very easy. Medical centre on campus,  
compulsory University insurance covered everything  
- bills  
- medicine

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.

Very easy. Keep receipts and contact  
your provider if you have questions.  
They will help you!!

## 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?

Very easy at CLV, but only international students. At university, very few Aussies, so they love you!

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 friends, and Canadian locals + other international students.  
- Because they were great.

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

Lots of maths + engineering + computer students.  
But also great!!

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

EH ??  
PS pants as ??  
fashion accessories ??

Bad beer...  
But local breweries  
cheap

Good recycling!!  
↳ money back for  
empty beer bottles

## 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:

Music, snowboard, warm clothes, Aussie accent  
digital camera

LEAVE BEHIND:

Bad attitude

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

Would have looked more carefully at where I  
was staying.

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?

Experience of a lifetime.

Keep a journal!!