

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
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Course at Deakin: Media and Communication.
Major(s) at Deakin: Journalism + Media + Communication
Age: 21
Gender (please circle) Female Male
Semester(s) and year of exchange/study abroad program: 2007 semester 2
Host University: Winthrop University.
Host Country: U.S.A

ACADEMIC

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

Feature writing, Biblical Studies, Mass Communication,
International Media, Rock Climbing

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?

Classes were everyday - must attend.
Run like high school - small classes - seminars.

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?

A lot more work - but easier.

3-5 exams per subject per semester.
Assignments every week.
90% = A

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

Exams
Essays
Class presentation
Assignments
Participation in class.

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	20%
Deakin Scholarship	-
UMAP Subsidy	-
Personal Savings	80%
OS-HELP Loan	-
Other Loans	-
Family Contribution	-
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?

Expenses upon arrival - additional housing fees,
class fees etc.

No public transport =

9. Please outline your approximate monthly budget whilst overseas

Housing	\$ _____
Food	\$ _____
Text Books	\$ _____
Local Transport	\$ _____
Entertainment	\$ _____
Clothing	\$ _____
Phone	\$ _____
Other Expenses	\$ _____
Total	\$ _____

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? ↓

I was placed in a dorm however arranged to switch to a campus apartment with students my own age

12. If the host university arranged accommodation, did you have a choice of housing?

Yes No but could change when you arrived.

13. What kind of accommodation did you live in? University apartment.
 (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	<input checked="" type="radio"/> 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 lived with 3 American girls.
 _____ with Australian students
 _____ with other exchange or international students

15. If you moved, why did you move?

was assigned a room with a young student - (Freshman).
Upon advice from school and opportunity to relocate I did.
Relocation to apartment block of over 21 students so
could take advantage of this.
Also new accommodation was self regulated - NO CURTENS.

16. Please indicate arrangements you made for meals

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

WORK

17. Did you work while participating in the exchange/study abroad program? Yes No
Yes and No. Worked for campus newspaper + local paper.

18. Was employment easy to find? Yes No
There are alot of jobs available on campus.

19. If you worked, how did you find your job?
I was approached and asked.

20. If you worked, did you work

- during the semester? Yes No
- during vacations or holidays? Yes No
- legally with work permission? Yes No

but elected not to be paid.

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

Campus had doctor - free.

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

same as above?

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

on campus. Provided free of charge.

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.

Claimed on my own insurance I purchased before going abroad.

Advice: Keep all receipts.

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?

The international office at Winthrop had lots of students meeting us at the airport, taking us out for dinner etc.
Quite easy to meet + interact.

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?

Host country students & International students.

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

Grounds amazing.
Lots of activities on weekends / night

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

Lots of Fried 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:

Food from home.

LEAVE BEHIND:

Formal clothes - there was no formal activities.

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

What would you preserve?

Elect at beginning to stay one year.

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?

Don't go with expectations.
Introduce yourself to everyone. They will probably be happy to have a chat.
It's going to be different but go with the flow.