

Post Study Abroad Evaluation

THE BASICS	
Your Name	[REDACTED]
Your Program of Study/Year	Fashion Design & Technology / 4th year
Host Country	Finland
Host School/Agency	Metropolia Universities
Participation Dates	January 14 - June 5 2009
Type of Study Abroad	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exchange <input type="checkbox"/> Practicum <input type="checkbox"/> Independent <input type="checkbox"/> Other
Section 1	
GENERAL EVALUATION	
Please rate your overall exchange experience on a scale of 1 to 10 (one being poor and 10 being exceptional)	
In a couple of sentences, explain why you rated your experience the way you did.	<p>10. The experience was totally different from experiences that I can have here. ^{our school does not have} textile programs much.</p>
Section 2	
ARRIVAL	
How difficult was it for you to obtain your travel documents (visa, etc.)? <small>*Always verify immigration regulations with the consulate or embassy of your host country*</small>	Finnish embassy in Ottawa sent me visa in a week once I sent completed package. It's not so difficult. obtaining correct information for my situation (international student) was a bit hard.
Describe your transportation arrangements to your host country. Would you change any part of those arrangements?	I flew to London first & exchanged / transferred the flight to Finland. The schedule was 2 hour behind, but I wouldn't change any.
How was your experience clearing customs and immigration upon arrival in your host country? Any surprises?	In Finland they speak English well & I had proper documentation. It's not hard.
Describe how you traveled to your host facility. How long did it take and how much did it cost?	By Air Round trip costed me \$ 1300 , 14 hours including wait in London.
Section 3	
ORIENTATION AND ASSISTANCE	

*The only problem was a coordinator from Fashion Department said "they were not expected us to come".

How satisfied were you with the orientation and assistance available to at your host school/agency.	Student tutor helped everything that I needed to start life there & coordinators helped me pick courses & register them well.
What help did you receive from the international staff or office? What was your impression of the international staff or office?	They were helpful, whenever I had a question about course etc, I emailed & they sent me a list of people who I needed to talk to.
What was the orientation like at your partner university, if there was one? How well did it suit your needs?	There was not any proper orientation for us, because we arrived ^{formal} late. 2 weeks late. The school date we got & the actual date were different.
What was it like to adjust to the culture of your exchange site? Were there people you could talk to about what you were experiencing?	There is not any particular change, since they speak English. Yes, I had a great student tutor.
How receptive were the local people in providing assistance?	They are very receptive and helpful.

Section 4

HOUSING

Describe your accommodation arrangements.	Student Housing in Apartment 7 (2 bed room) with another exchange student from our school
How early could you move into housing before term and how long after the end of term were you allowed to stay?	We moved in the day we arrived, but we couldn't stay longer, we had to leave before our school term end, because it's monthly rent
How comfortable were you with your accommodation?	very comfortable
Describe what you did about meals and what other options were available. How satisfied were you with the food?	Mostly homecooked & cafeteria foods eating out is expensive there.
How close was your accommodation to where you had to study?	5 minutes by a train (every 20 minute)

Section 5

COURSE REGISTRATION

Please describe the registration process at your host institution. What	Talking to coordinators from departments & telling the courses I wanted.
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Get the exact date when the semester will start

assistance was available to you? Were you satisfied?	coordinators are instructors. It's very satisfying
How successful were you in registering for classes? What advice would you offer to another exchange student about how to register at your host institution?	As I explained in previous page (on the top), Fashion Department wasn't expected us they didn't have many courses for us. However textile department has lots to offer. overall it's successful
How many courses did you take per semester? What course load would you recommend for future students? What particular courses would you recommend to other students?	6 courses, 2 courses was uncredited 6 is good number printing, knitting, weaving..

for me

Section 6

ACADEMICS

How satisfied were you with the amount of knowledge/skills you obtained from your host?	The courses are more practical ones I was very satisfied.
How did the style of teaching compare with that in Canada? How did the workload compare to what you would expect in Canada?	it's similar :
How many courses did you take during your time abroad?	6 courses
What impact did the language barrier have on your learning?	they speak English well, no problem
What was your impression of the computer facilities, library, internet access, specialized equipment and supplies available at your host facility?	Library resources are much better than otherwise it's similar. they are

Section 7

COSTS

Books and Supplies – per term	200 Euro
Flight	\$1300
Accommodation – per month	350 Euro
Meals – per month	100 ~ 150 Euro
Local transportation – per	85 Euro