

Post Study Abroad Evaluation

THE BASICS	
Your Name	[REDACTED]
Your Program of Study/Year	4th
Host Country	United kingdom
Host School/Agency	University of creative arts
Participation Dates	January - june
Type of Study Abroad	<input type="checkbox"/> Exchange
Section 1	
GENERAL EVALUATION	
Please rate your overall exchange experience on a scale of 1 to 10 (one being poor and 10 being exceptional)	9
In a couple of sentences, explain why you rated your experience the way you did.	My experiece was really good in England. The people I was fortunate to met were awesome, the teachers were really nice and welcoming and
Section 2	
ARRIVAL	
How difficult was it for you to obtain your travel documents (visa, etc.)? *Always verify immigration regulations with the consulate or embassy of your host country*	Not difficult at all considering that Canada is in the commonwealth and a Canadian citizen can stay in the country witout a visitor visa for up to 6 X months.
Describe your transportation arrangements to your host country. Would you change any part of those arrangements?	I bought a plane ticket and cab. Note to ANYONE traveling to the UK. BOOK YOUR TAXI IN ADVANCE! I could've booked a 30 pound cab ride to Epsom online, but didn't and ended up paying 85 pounds.. ☹
How was your experience clearing customs and immigration upon arrival in your host country? Any surprises?	Like any international flight make sure that you don't have any dangerous materials on you. And don't over pack... I did and had to adjust a lot of my stuff so I didn't run into problems
Describe how you traveled to your host facility. How long did it take and how much did it cost?	I bought a ticket for 850 USD from Bellingham. The trip was longer (around 15 hours) but I saved a lot of money flying from the US.
Section 3	
ORIENTATION AND ASSISTANCE	

How satisfied were you with the orientation and assistance available to at your host school/agency.	The person that would have been in charge of taking care of the new students was pregnant and on leave. I had a slightly harder time being completely in the dark about that and had to sort out all the classes etc myself, but with only 3 classes, it wasn't hard.
What help did you receive from the international staff or office? What was your impression of the international staff or office?	I didn't receive any help, mostly because I didn't really need it, Sue is really nice, but unfortunately not too in tune with the Graphic design classes since the university is mostly fashion
What was the orientation like at your partner university, if there was one? How well did it suit your needs?	The orientation was fantastic, met the other exchange students and saw all the cool stuff the school had to offer
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?	I love change so I enjoyed any minute of it. I managed to make some friends off the bat so the experience was great.
How receptive were the local people in providing assistance?	If you asked, people helped. Otherwise, you were on your own. I think this is consistent with any school though.

Section 4

HOUSING

Describe your accommodation arrangements.	I lived on campus in a ensuite bedroom
How early could you move into housing before term and how long after the end of term were you allowed to stay?	I could move into my housing about 1 week in advance and could stay 3-4 weeks after school was over
How comfortable were you with your accommodation?	Extremely comfortable, I really lucked out with my room.
Describe what you did about meals and what other options were available. How satisfied were you with the food?	I bought my food at the supermarket and although there were a lot of small differences in taste and brands, I fed me well enough.
How close was your accommodation to where you had to study?	It was on campus. So a 2 minute walk to my class.

Section 5

COURSE REGISTRATION

Please describe the registration process at your host institution. What	Because the person in charge of me was on maternity leave, I had to seek out assistance myself. I talked to the head of the program and he helped out where he could. Even though I had no problems,
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assistance was available to you? Were you satisfied?	I think someone who may be less outgoing would have had a very hard time considering they were alone.
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?	I had no problems. If anyone registers to new media I'd suggest picking a fun Conceptual studies class. Apparently some are really, really, boring.
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?	I took 3 courses and that was all that was available to me. I think it was enough so I could focus on my studies but still have time for other preoccupations.

Section 6

ACADEMICS

How satisfied were you with the amount of knowledge/skills you obtained from your host?	I am very satisfied, since I went into a domain slightly different from my class I leaned a lot from this exchange.
How did the style of teaching compare with that in Canada? How did the workload compare to what you would expect in Canada?	The teaching was much more relaxed. The work load was manageable.
How many courses did you take during your time abroad?	3 courses as per the host countries requirements
What impact did the language barrier have on your learning?	None, although the English accent was sometimes hard to understand at first.
What was your impression of the computer facilities, library, internet access, specialized equipment and supplies available at your host facility?	The equipment at the school was awesome. I tried to take advantage of them as often as I could.

Section 7

COSTS

Books and Supplies – per term	100 bucks
Flight	850 bucks
Accommodation – per month	500 Pounds
Meals – per month	250 pounds
Local transportation – per	50 - 100 pounds

month	
Health insurance – per term	
Communications (internet, phone, etc.) – per term	100 pounds
Travel documents (passport, entry visa, etc.)	
Vaccinations	
Personal Spending (eg. entertainment and extra travel) – per term	500 pounds
What unexpected costs did you encounter? What items were less or more expensive than you expected?	Food was very expensive. Traveling to London was also extremely expensive since I lived to far away.. 12 pounds for a day pass.

Section 8

EXTRA-CURRICULAR/SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

How satisfied were you with the out-of-class opportunities at your host site?	Very satisfied
What organized activities (clubs, sports, etc.) were available to you while in your host country? What extra-curricular activities would you recommend to future students?	Didn't really get involved in any clubs or things of the sort.
What opportunities were there to work or volunteer. Did you require special permits to do this?	I didn't volunteer for anything. Although as a Canadian citizen it is legal to volunteer without the visa within the 6 months.
What do you recommend other visiting students see or do on their weekends or holidays?	Check out the cities they live in. pubs and parks are everywhere in the Uk and they are well kept gems of each community

Section 9

SAFETY AND HEALTH

Describe any safety concerns you had during your experience.	none
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Section 10

PERSONAL AND CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

What was it like making	Didn't really have problems with friends. My classmates were cool
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friends? How successful were you at making friends with local (i.e., not international) people?	and most of my flatmates aswell.
What was it like to adjust to the culture of your host site?	Not hard at all.
What, if any, cultural differences did you find particularly challenging?	
What parts of the culture did you most appreciate?	The accents. Everyone has a different one and they all sound awesome
How were you treated by local people? By university staff and faculty? By students?	I think they were scared of me so they were nice. Actually I think they would've been nice without being intimidated, but I like to think of the former.
As far as you could tell, how easy would it be for students with disabilities to study at your partner university?	I lived in the room optimized for people with disabilities. Its awesome. Twice the size of a regular room, all the necessary facilities. Definitely suggest it.
For students who are visible minorities in your host country?	There were chinese students in the school and they seems pretty happy. I did notice that they stuck together though and I can't say how easy integration is.
For students who are gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgendered?	It's a fashion school. They're pretty open minded and the gay flatmate I had didn't have any complaints of discrimination

Section 11

TAKING STOCK

What are the 5 most important things one should take with them when going to your host country or region?

1 clothes for wind (it's rainy and windy a lot of the time)

2 get a powerbar for your electronics (that way you don't have to change adapters all the time)

3 bring something to remind you of home

4 bring necessary paperwork for identity aswell as photocopies of your passport, care card etc..

5 bring an open mind. It's gonna be different, accept it and only look at the positives.

What are the 10 most important things you would tell another student who is going to your host facility/agency:

1 make friends, it's no fun to be alone

2 go out and have fun

3 learn as much as you can! This is an exchange after all, if all you're doing is partying, stay here..

4 take advantage of facilities not found at kwantlen

5 travel as much as you can