

Study Abroad Evaluation

General Information			
Your Name	[REDACTED]		
Host Country	England		
Host School/Agency	UCA		
Participation Dates	Jan-May		
Your Program of Study	Advertising & Brand Communication		
Type of Study Abroad	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exchange	<input type="checkbox"/> Practicum	<input type="checkbox"/> Independent <input type="checkbox"/> Other
General Evaluation			
Please rate your overall exchange experience on a scale of 1 to 10 (one being poor and 10 being exceptional)		8	
In a couple of sentences, summarize why you rated your experience the way you did	The whole experience was really good and had some great opportunity to meet people and travel. The actual academic experience was lacking.		
Arrival			
How easy or challenging was it to obtain your travel documents (visa, permits, etc.)?	Didn't need visa		
Describe your transportation arrangements to your host country. Would you alter any part of those arrangements?	it was fine		
How was your experience clearing customs and immigration upon arrival in your host country? Any surprises?	It was fine		
Describe how you traveled to your host facility. How long did it take and how much did it cost?	From eastwick airport to UCA in Farnham was 2 hours and didn't remember the cost.		
Orientation and Assistance			
How satisfied were you with the orientation and student assistance available to at your host school?	It wasn't very helpful. It was great we got to meet other exchange students, but wasn't very good with helping us adjusting to school and living.		
What help did you receive from the international staff or office? What was your evaluation of your host schools international staff or office?	Zero help. (Aside from the initial orientation)		

Orientation and Assistance (cont'd)	
How was new student orientation at the host university? How did it suit your needs?	It helped us to get to know other exchange students, but that was about it
What was it like to adjust to the culture of your exchange site? Were there people and resources available for you to talk to about what you were experiencing?	After the initial week in trying to set up banks & accommodation; it was fine.
Housing	
Describe your accommodation in your host country.	We looked for our own house out side of campus residence
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 after term has started (3 days) and stayed until the end of april when term was wrapping up.
How comfortable were you with your accommodation?	It was good
Describe what you did about meals and what other options were available. How satisfied were you with the food?	It was pretty standard, did our own grocery shopping & cooking.
How close was your accommodation to where you studied?	About 45 mins walk / 10 mins bus ride
Academics & Course Registration	
Please describe the registration process at your host institution. What assistance was available to you? Were you satisfied?	It was easy
What advice would you offer to another exchange student about registration at your host institution?	It was pretty smooth, most of it was set up for us.
What course load would you recommend for future students? Are there particular courses would you recommend?	For design students (graphics) we had set program & go into so didn't have to deal with course selection



Academics & Course Registration (cont'd)	
How satisfied were you with the amount of knowledge/skills you obtained from your host?	Not very
How did the style of teaching compare to Canada? How did the workload compare to Canada?	The program itself was having internal problems so classes weren't functioning very well.
How many courses did you take during your time abroad?	2
If applicable, what impact did the language barrier have on your learning?	NO barrier, english
What was your impression of the computer facilities, library, internet access, specialized equipment and supplies available at your host facility?	Didn't really get a chance to use them

Cost	
Books and Supplies/per term:	
Flight:	\$700 one way
Accommodation/per month:	\$325/month
Meals/per month:	\$60/month
Local transportation/per month:	\$40/month
Health insurance/per term:	\$0
Communication (internet, phone, etc.) - per term	\$10/month (phone) \$15/month (internet)
Travel documents (passport, entry visa, etc.)	/
Vaccinations:	/
Personal spending (entertainment and extra travel) - per term	\$80/month
Were there unexpected costs you encounter? What items were less or more expensive than expected?	/

Extra-Curricular & Social Activities	
How satisfied were you with the out-of-class opportunities available at your host site?	Clubs/sports available
What type of organized activities were available to you? What	↓

extra-curricular activities would you recommend to future students?	dodgeball
What opportunities were there to work or volunteer? Did you require special permits to do this?	↗
Health and Safety	
Did you feel safe in your host country?	yes
Describe any safety concerns you had during your experience.	none
Personal and Cultural Connections	
How successful were you at making friends with local (not international) people and students?	It was fairly easy
How did you find it adjusting to the culture of your host site?	good
What, if any, cultural differences did you find particularly challenging?	no
What part(s) of the culture did you most appreciate?	freedom
How were you treated by local people? By university staff and faculty? By students?	pretty good
As far as you could tell, how easy would it be for students with disabilities to study at your partner university?	would assume pretty easy
As far as you could tell, for students who are visible minorities in your host country?	good
For students who are gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgendered?	↓



Overall	
What are five important things other students should know before going to your host country/region?	
1.	Bring enough cash to start off (more than enough)
2.	unlocked phone
3.	Travel as much as you can.
4.	Student rail card
5.	
What are ten important things you would tell another student who is going to your host facility/agency?	
1.	Try to set up / look for accommodation before you leave
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What was the most rewarding part of your study abroad experience?	Getting a chance to travel & meet & make new friends
What was the greatest challenge you faced during your experience abroad?	Setting up bank account & accommodation
How has your perspective changed as a result of your study abroad experience?	more open to new experiences and meeting with strangers
What else do you want to add out your study abroad experience?	Great experience!