

Study Abroad Evaluation

General Information			
Your Name	[REDACTED]		
Host Country	England - Epsom		
Host School/Agency	UCA		
Participation Dates	Jan - April		
Your Program of Study	Fashion Design		
Type of Study Abroad	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exchange	<input type="checkbox"/> Practicum	<input type="checkbox"/> Independent <input type="checkbox"/> Other
General Evaluation			
In a couple of sentences, summarize why you rated your experience the way you did	The experiences allowed me to learn different cultures & explore around the UK. 8/10 ↑ travel		
Arrival			
How easy or challenging was it to obtain your travel documents (visa, permits, etc.)?	It was pretty easy because we didn't need to any visas		
Describe your transportation arrangements to your host country. Would you alter any part of those arrangements?	- Train & subways		
How was your experience clearing customs and immigration upon arrival in your host country? Any surprises?	- Nope, not really!		
Describe how you traveled to your host facility. How long did it take and how much did it cost?	- a friend drove me. KIDDING! flight/9 hrs.		
Orientation and Assistance			
How satisfied were you with the orientation and student assistance available to at your host school?	very satisfied		
What help did you receive from the international staff or office? What was your evaluation of your host schools international staff or office?	- The UCA office - They were very helpful		
Orientation and Assistance (cont'd)			
How was new student	good.		

orientation at the host university? How did it suit your needs?	They showed us around the school so it was easy to find classes.
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?	- Took a few months but overall it was good. - resources: yes
Housing	
Describe your accommodation in your host country.	- good. you get your own washrooms! - Kitchen could be <u>Messy</u>
How early could you move into housing before term and how long after the end of term were you allowed to stay?	- 1 week?
How comfortable were you with your accommodation?	- Kind of comfortable... 85% of the time
Describe what you did about meals and what other options were available. How satisfied were you with the food?	- good!
How close was your accommodation to where you studied?	- 2 mins. Literally.
Academics & Course Registration	
Please describe the registration process at your host institution. What assistance was available to you? Were you satisfied?	- A bit stressful
What advice would you offer to another exchange student about registration at your host institution?	- Dont stress! & email, <u>ASK!</u> (Repeat)
What course load would you recommend for future students? Are there particular courses would you recommend?	- Draping class ✓
Academics & Course Registration (cont'd)	
How satisfied were you with the	

amount of knowledge/skills you obtained from your host?	- I took the same courses I took here but I learned diff ways of preparing my portfolio
How did the style of teaching compare to Canada? How did the workload compare to Canada?	- It was different, more creative.
How many courses did you take during your time abroad?	- 2
If applicable, what impact did the language barrier have on your learning?	- Courses were in English but they had different terms for different things
What was your impression of the <u>computer facilities</u> , <u>library</u> , <u>internet access</u> , specialized equipment and supplies available at your host facility?	- Amazing! The library's printers/scanners were very useful when it came to printing out your portfolios
Cost	
Books and Supplies/per term:	\$100-?
Flight:	\$1800
Accommodation/per month:	\$2000 ish
Meals/per month:	\$50
Local transportation/per month:	\$200
Health insurance/per term:	N/A
Communication (internet, phone, etc.) – per term	\$50
Travel documents (passport, entry visa, etc.)	N/A
Vaccinations:	_____
Personal spending (entertainment and extra travel) – per term	\$200
Were there unexpected costs you encounter? What items were less or more expensive than expected?	yes, on food.. not surprising
Extra-Curricular & Social Activities	
How satisfied were you with the out-of-class opportunities available at your host site?	Very satisfied
What type of organized activities were available to you? What extra-curricular activities would you recommend to future	- does traveling count? - join clubs! get involved in school

students?	
What opportunities were there to work or volunteer? Did you require special permits to do this?	- N/A, didnt have visa
Health and Safety	
Did you feel safe in your host country?	- Yes
Describe any safety concerns you had during your experience.	- N/A
Personal and Cultural Connections	
How successful were you at making friends with local (not international) people and students?	- got to meet alot of friends from diff places (ie Greece, Scotland)
How did you find it adjusting to the culture of your host site?	- it was good & I could adjust to it pretty well.
What, if any, cultural differences did you find particularly challenging?	- Crossroads!
What part(s) of the culture did you most appreciate?	- polite, respects your own space.
How were you treated by local people? By university staff and faculty? By students?	- good
As far as you could tell, how easy would it be for students with disabilities to study at your partner university?	- super easy, I witnessed quite a few students with disabilities
As far as you could tell, for students who are visible minorities in your host country?	- N/A
For students who are gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgendered?	- 1/3rd?
Overall	
What are five important things other students should know before going to your host country/region?	

1. Get involved (prepare)	
2. Step out of your comfort zone.	
3. Travel	
4. Save up you \$	
5. EAT & enjoy.	
What are ten important things you would tell another student who is going to your host facility/agency?	
1. meet new friends	
2. join clubs & get involved	
3. prepare thank you letters/gifts for instructors	
4. Don't be afraid to ask.	
5. go around the school	
6. Be experienced	
7. Manage your class time (organized)	
8. Use library resources	
9. go & sit in the post in library	
10. Bring sewing kits	
What was the most rewarding part of your study abroad experience?	- The travelling part & food
What was the greatest challenge you faced during your experience abroad?	- \$, crosswalk
How has your perspective changed as a result of your study abroad experience?	- Fashion is different around the world.
What else do you want to add about your study abroad experience?	ENJOY YOUR TIME THERE, RELAX!! (♥:) Have Fun.