

General Information			
Host Country	Australia		
Host School	Edith Cowan University		
Program start & end dates	July 26, 2023 – November 17, 2023		
Program of Study	Criminology		
Type of Study Abroad	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exchange	<input type="checkbox"/> UMAP exchange	<input type="checkbox"/> Other:
General Evaluation			
In a couple of sentences, summarize and explain your general evaluation of your experience.	I had a great experience which provided me with varies opportunities and the chance to see the world from a different perspective.		
Arrival			
How easy or challenging was it to obtain your travel documents (visa, permits, etc.)?	Faily easy		
Describe your transportation arrangements to your host country. Would you alter any part of those arrangements?	I took a plane with one layover, it was long but it was fine.		
How was your experience clearing customs and immigration upon arrival in your host country? Any surprises?	It was an anxious experience as I had not filled out my declaration form properly, so the officers at the airport were not too happy.		
Describe how you traveled to your host facility. How long did it take and how much did it cost?	It took 28 hours total with one stop in New Zealand. One way ticket was \$2,400.		
Orientation and Assistance			
How satisfied were you with the assistance available to at your host school? Were there people and resources available for you for support?	I was very satisfied, everyone including the staff, students and teachers were very welcoming and helpful.		
What help did you receive from the international staff or office?	How to read my timetable as well as Student Hub helped me with a lot of questions I had.		
How was new student orientation at the host university? What did they do?	It was fun. They provided food as well as engaging games for the new students. Although it was weird at first, I was able to fit in and make new friends right away.		
Housing & Daily Life			
Describe your accommodation in your host country. Were you pleased with this choice or what	I stayed with my aunt when I was in Perth. I was pleased with the accommodation. It was our first time meeting, and we got along very well with one another.		

would you have done differently?	
When could you move into housing and how long were you allowed to stay?	Right away, I landed on July 9 th and stayed until December 18 th .
What kinds of services and facilities were nearby where you lived (shop, cafe gym, parks, pharmacy, stations...)	There were many parks, shopping center, grocery store, and train station nearby where I lived.
Describe what you did about meals and what other options were available. How satisfied were you with the food?	My aunt cooked for me, and I also cooked for myself. Occasionally I would order food or go out to eat at a restaurant with my friends and cousins.
How close was your accommodation to where you studied?	27-minute bus ride/10 minute drive with the car.
Academics & Course Registration	
Please describe the registration process at your host institution. What assistance was available to you? Were you satisfied?	It was easy, they have a website called SIMO for easier registration.
What advice would you offer to another exchange student about registration at your host institution?	Register early because some classes fill up very fast and you may not be able to get in or get your desired time slot.
What tips do you have for finding the courses and course syllabuses/outlines?	Browse through their courses before registration so you can have an idea of what you will learn/be interested in. You can find everything on the school's website.
Academics & Course Registration (cont'd)	
How satisfied were you with the amount of knowledge/skills you obtained from your host?	Very satisfied.
How did the style of teaching, and workload compare to Canada? Was it more independent or group learning?	There was a lot of group learning, which I was not fond of. Also, the assignments are graded very heavily in comparison to Canada.
How many courses did you take during your time abroad? Are there particular courses you would recommend?	I took 3 courses in my time abroad and I would recommend the Criminal Justice Review Project.
What was your impression of the computer facilities, library,	They are new and colorful. I spent a lot of time in the library. ECU's buildings have a lot of colour and life to them.

internet access, specialized equipment and supplies available at your host facility?	
Cost	
Books and Supplies/per term:	\$150
Flight:	\$3,800
Accommodation/per month:	\$0
Meals/per month:	\$50-100
Local transportation/per month:	\$20
Health insurance/per term:	\$650
Communication (internet, phone, etc.) – per term	\$0
Travel documents (Passport, Study permit, visa, etc.)	\$500
Vaccinations:	\$0
Personal spending (entertainment and extra travel) – per term	\$5,000
Were there unexpected costs you encounter? What items were less or more expensive than expected?	I had an emergency surgery while I was abroad, in which I had to pay \$2,000 out of pocket.
Extra-Curricular & Social Activities	
What type of organized activities were available to you? What extra-curricular activities would you recommend to future students?	N/A
Did you travel outside the host location? If so, where do you recommend?	I was supposed to, however I was unable to due to medical reasons.
What opportunities were there to work or volunteer? Did you require special permits to do this?	N/A
Health and Safety	
Describe any health/safety concerns or issues you had during your experience.	I had emergency surgery on my abdomen.
What helped you keep safe and healthy? Did you access any health care supports and if so how was the experience?	I accessed doctor’s office as well as the hospital.
What wellness supports did they offer at the University? Were there counselling or medical services?	N/A

Personal and Cultural Connections	
Were there any cultural differences you had to adjust to? Were there language barrier issues?	The language/culture is different (yet some similar) to Canada. Because of the strong Aussie accent, I found it difficult at first to understand some people. Also, they have their own words for certain things, so that was challenging in the beginning.
What part(s) of the country and culture did you most appreciate?	The weather, the people, and everything.
How was it traveling alone and making friends?	It was lonely and depressing at first, but soon enough it became easy and a lot of people were drawn to me.
How were you treated by local people? By university staff and faculty? By students?	I was treated well and almost like a celebrity, since Perth does not attract many people from outside of Australia.
How accommodating are they to students with a disability? Were there any accommodations offered?	N/A
How is the situation for students who are visible minorities in your host country?	I was not treated any differently as a minority.
How welcoming are they to for those who identify as LGBTQIA+?	They are pretty welcoming.
Overall	
What are 5-10 important things other students should know before going to your host country/region?	
1. It is very hot, so hydration is a must	
2. Everything they do is on the left side (sidewalks, driving, doorknobs, etc.)	
3. They have different names for certain things (MacDonalds = Maccas, Burger King = HJ's)	
4. It is essential to have a car in Perth	
5. There are a lot of flies, so anti-bug repellent would be helpful	
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What was the most rewarding part of your study abroad experience?	The friends and memories I made.
What was the greatest challenge you faced during your experience abroad?	Being homesick and not being able to see my daughter for 5 and a half months.
How has your perspective changed	It has made me more grateful of the opportunities that can be found



as a result of your study abroad experience?	within university.
What else do you want to add about your study abroad?	It was amazing and I wish I could have stayed longer!

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