

Post Study Abroad Evaluation

THE BASICS				
Your Name	[REDACTED]			
Your Program of Study/Year	Fashion Design, Fourth Year			
Host Country	Finland			
Host School/Agency	Metropolia			
Participation Dates	January 1 st – June 1 st 2011			
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)			9.8	
In a couple of sentences, explain why you rated your experience the way you did.	My experience was amazing there were a few bumps but nothing really wrong.			
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*	The forms were wordy and time consuming but in general not hard. The only issue I had was that the letter of application was delivered very close to my departure date. I had to personally connect with the visa office in Ottawa and let them know it was coming. Basically I had to make friends with them so they would just wait for the letter to come.			
Describe your transportation arrangements to your host country. Would you change any part of those arrangements?	I traveled by plane from Kelowna to Calgary to Frankfurt to Helsinki. It was long but fine. Met some people on the long flight so it was fun!			
How was your experience clearing customs and immigration upon arrival in your host country? Any surprises?	I researched customs in Finland before I left and found what I could bring and how much. I had no problems.			
Describe how you traveled to your host facility. How long did it take and how much did it cost?	I was picked up at the airport by my tutor who brought me to my apartment in a paid for taxi.			
Section 3				
ORIENTATION AND ASSISTANCE				

How satisfied were you with the orientation and assistance available to at your host school/agency.	The orientation was good. It was very in-depth and a lot of stuff was irrelevant.
What help did you receive from the international staff or office? What was your impression of the international staff or office?	The international staff was very helpful but it was confusing as to who to talk to regarding classes. They said the fashion department and the fashion department said the student services office.
What was the orientation like at your partner university, if there was one? How well did it suit your needs?	It was very good as a general welcome to Helsinki and Metropolia but it was not tailored to fashion so I still had a lot of questions regarding my own classes.
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?	It was not hard to adjust because I had a tutor to ask questions and show me around.
How receptive were the local people in providing assistance?	The people related to exchange students where very nice and helpful but other people where a little more stand off-ish until you got to know them.

Section 4

HOUSING

Describe your accommodation arrangements.	I shared a large apparent flat with one other girl. I had a very large room and it came with everything you needed except linen's.
How early could you move into housing before term and how long after the end of term were you allowed to stay?	I am not sure because I came right when you could get in and I left before I was told to leave...
How comfortable were you with your accommodation?	I enjoyed my accommodation. I did not like my roommate, who I knew from Canada. (It was a personal issue, nothing to do with the exchange)
Describe what you did about meals and what other options were available. How satisfied were you with the food?	Almost every day I got lunch at school for about 2.5 euro or 5 dollars. It was a full meal and it was good quality food. Food was a little more expensive in Helsinki at the stores than in Canada, but nothing to unreasonable.
How close was your accommodation to where you had to study?	I took a 5min train to school. From my door step to the doors fo the school it took 15mins if planed properly.

Section 5

COURSE REGISTRATION

Please describe the registration process at your	Registration was done at school, very informally with a teacher helper. I was un satisfied by this part of the school. It was hard to
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