

Study Abroad Evaluation

General Information			
Your Name	[REDACTED]		
Host Country	UK		
Host School/Agency	UCLAN		
Participation Dates	June 17 - June 24		
Your Program of Study	Journalism		
Type of Study Abroad	<input 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	It was fantastic I do recommend Journalism students go early in their degree - it's easier to get applicable classes		
Arrival			
How easy or challenging was it to obtain your travel documents (visa, permits, etc.)?	Very easy - six month student visa is given to you at customs.		
Describe your transportation arrangements to your host country. Would you alter any part of those arrangements?	No, but I had a lot of help from family while there		
How was your experience clearing customs and immigration upon arrival in your host country? Any surprises?	No, it was super easy.		
Describe how you traveled to your host facility. How long did it take and how much did it cost?	10 hour flight was direct costs about \$1500		
Orientation and Assistance			
How satisfied were you with the orientation and student assistance available to at your host school?	They covered every thing to almost overkill.		
What help did you receive from the international staff or office? What was your evaluation of your host schools international staff or office?	They were helpful but not super knowledgeable -		
Orientation and Assistance (cont'd)			
How was new student			

orientation at the host university? How did it suit your needs?	There wasn't one? It was good?
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?	There are just small differences in what things are called which is confusing?
Housing	
Describe your accommodation in your host country.	Small and utilitarian, but nice.
How early could you move into housing before term and how long after the end of term were you allowed to stay?	A couple days before, left a month after term ended.
How comfortable were you with your accommodation?	Yes very.
Describe what you did about meals and what other options were available. How satisfied were you with the food?	lots of options! Student town w/ some fancy places.
How close was your accommodation to where you studied?	5 min walk.
Academics & Course Registration	
Please describe the registration process at your host institution. What assistance was available to you? Were you satisfied?	A bit all over the place had to figure it out on my own.
What advice would you offer to another exchange student about registration at your host institution?	Contact the program head Re: class selection.
What course load would you recommend for future students? Are there particular courses you would recommend?	Take 3-4 classes - but no more if you want to travel. Take Contemporary Social media.
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 compare to Canada? How did the workload compare to Canada?	Much more informal and peer learning based.
How many courses did you take during your time abroad?	3
If applicable, what impact did the language barrier have on your learning?	N/A
What was your impression of the computer facilities, library, internet access, specialized equipment and supplies available at your host facility?	Yeah, good
Cost	
Books and Supplies/per term:	0\$
Flight:	1500\$
Accommodation/per month:	1200\$
Meals/per month:	500\$
Local transportation/per month:	10\$
Health insurance/per term:	240\$
Communication (internet, phone, etc.) - per term	20\$
Travel documents (passport, entry visa, etc.)	0\$
Vaccinations:	0\$
Personal spending (entertainment and extra travel) - per term	\$6000
Were there unexpected costs you encounter? What items were less or more expensive than expected?	\$0
Extra-Curricular & Social Activities	
How satisfied were you with the out-of-class opportunities available at your host site?	Very
What type of organized activities were available to you? What extra-curricular activities would you recommend to future	Concerts, clubs, pubs, parties.

students?	
What opportunities were there to work or volunteer? Did you require special permits to do this?	Yes - but I didn't get the work visa
Health and Safety	
Did you feel safe in your host country?	Yes
Describe any safety concerns you had during your experience.	Same as here.
Personal and Cultural Connections	
How successful were you at making friends with local (not international) people and students?	Pretty successful.
How did you find it adjusting to the culture of your host site?	fairly easy.
What, if any, cultural differences did you find particularly challenging?	People can be unfriendly.
What part(s) of the culture did you most appreciate?	Everyone wants to have fun once you get to know them.
How were you treated by local people? By university staff and faculty? By students?	Everyone was very nice, but Canadian Journalism is not respected as U.S.
As far as you could tell, how easy would it be for students with disabilities to study at your partner university?	Fairly easy I think.
As far as you could tell, for students who are visible minorities in your host country?	There is just as much racism as there is here?
For students who are gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgendered?	I'm bi and had no trouble there is a group you can join but it's not very active
Overall	
What are five important things other students should know before going to your host country/region?	

1.	Get a railcard
2.	Use Giffgaff for cell plan.
3.	Back night
4.	Go out lots!
5.	Travel - even if you have to go by yourself
What are ten important things you would tell another student who is going to your host facility/agency?	
1.	Contact Megan McKnight for Journalism.
2.	Choose the cheap forms.
3.	Go for 2 semesters!
4.	Make friends with other 2nd students
5.	Go to the Adelphe pub
6.	Three Monkeys sandwich shop is the best.
7.	Take a class with Andy Dickinson.
8.	Don't spend more than 7 days in Blackpool.
9.	Go to student events - theres tonnes.
10.	Cheap concerts at 53
What was the most rewarding part of your study abroad experience?	The people I met.
What was the greatest challenge you faced during your experience abroad?	Leaving and coming home.
How has your perspective changed as a result of your study abroad experience?	I don't want to live in Canada any more.
What else do you want to add out your study abroad experience?	I wish I could do it all over again.