

Student Exchange Evaluation

Every student loves to hear of other's exchange experiences. These forms are very useful when selecting your exchange destination.

Please include as much information as possible. Feel free to use additional pages, enclose photos, links to blogs/ videos etc.

1. PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: Jane Storm

Degree: Commerce (Accounting + Finance)

Name of Exchange University: Queens

Country: Canada

Year of exchange: 2

Language of instruction:

List courses taken abroad:

ANAT100 COMM351 COMM324

HLTH200 COMM321

2. EXCHANGE EXPERIENCE

How would you rate your overall exchange experience on a scale of 1 to 10?

Poor

Excellent

1

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Comments:

one of best experiences ever + great opportunity to live overseas.

3. FINANCES

Total cost: ≈ 23 000

Room: 2500.

Airfare to host institution: 1500 return

Holidays/travel expenses:

Other: went travelling around USA for 6 weeks before + did contiki. so more expensive.

Did you spend more than you expected? What was more/ less expensive than you expected?

probably a bit more on travel - esp around America.

What was the best way of accessing money during your exchange programme?

I used citibank debit card - no international transaction fees

Do you have any advice about finances, budgeting or the cheapest way of living/travelling?

4. ARRIVAL

Was there an airport pickup/ buddy service available?

NO

5. ORIENTATION

What was Orientation like? Was it useful? Were there social activities?

NEWS orientation was lots of activities in the day → good to get to know all the other exchange students.

6. ACADEMICS

What differences did you find between the UWA system and the system at your host university?

Contact hours:

Homework: similar / more assignments though.

Course (lectures, tests, etc.): all compulsory + more interactive

Workload (heavier/ lighter) and assessment (harder or easier):

didn't do as much study as I would at UWA → but generally assessments were easier.

7. FACILITIES

What were the library/ Wi-Fi/ email facilities like at your host institution?

Library ~~is~~ smaller than UWA but good wifi on campus.

8. SOCIAL

What kinds of social events were there? Was it easy to meet people?

lots of parties in 0 week so can meet people there. join ETC if commerce as they run lots of social events.

9. ACCOMMODATION

Was on campus housing available? What were the rooms like? Were you on a meal plan or did you cook your own food? Are the residences close to the university?

Please add any additional information that you think be of interest with regard to housing.

only residence is on west campus - would recommend staying in student houses near the university.
→ get onto this ASAP.

10. PRE-DEPARTURE INFORMATION

What was the most difficult aspect of planning your exchange?

Finding accommodation as they had shortage whilst I was there.

What advice do you have for future exchange students?

make the most of opportunities and travel lots.

What are the 5 most important things to take with you when you go to your host university?

1. open to meet people

2. urge to travel
3. warm clothes.
4. ~~missed~~ photos of home.
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11. General impressions

What were the most rewarding aspects of biggest disappointments of your exchange experience? How has your perspective changed as a result of your exchange experience?

Remember that students are interested in reading about both good and bad experiences.

Thank you for your time.