

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: Charlotte Foo

Degree: Political Science and International Relations

Name of Exchange University: University of Bristol

Country: United Kingdom

Year of exchange: 2018 Language of instruction: English

List courses taken abroad:

Understanding Crime, Harm and Society

World in Crisis

Contemporary Political Theory

2. EXCHANGE EXPERIENCE

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

Poor Excellent

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Comments:

10/10 one of the best things i've done!

3. FINANCES

Total cost: 15k Room: \$3,000

Airfare to host institution: \$1,600 Holidays/travel expenses: \$6,000 ish

Other: I traveled quite a bit and didn't live on a budget because i got a job while i was there

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

I didn't have to many expectations on spending in mind. Though i did get a bar job which definitely helped with spending and made it that i never had to worry about money while i was there!

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

NAB Travel card

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

Obviously be careful about spending but don't let it stop you from doing anything! Make the most of the time while you are there

4. ARRIVAL

Was there an airport pickup/ buddy service available?

I had been travelling prior and drove in with family so i didn't look into this.

5. ORIENTATION

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

It was good, meant i made friends on the first day which i stayed friends with the whole time. Especially because you meet people who are in the same situation of not knowing anyone.

6. ACADEMICS

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

Contact hours: Less because only 3 units

Homework: Very similar

Course (lectures, tests, etc.): Less assessments, though this meant each was worth more.

Workload (heavier/ lighter) and assessment (harder or easier): Easier, 40 is a pass

Though had one unit which the exam was worth 100%

7. FACILITIES

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

All information was given to us on orientation and was very simple and similar to UWA

8. SOCIAL

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

I only went to the orientation social events but there were many others available. Also had a great exchange help group for all universities in Bristol which organised trip etc

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.

I cooked myself and stayed in the Courtrooms which were very central and clean. Definitely one of the better housing option available.

10. PRE-DEPARTURE INFORMATION

What was the most difficult aspect of planning your exchange?

Getting units approved

What advice do you have for future exchange students?

Do everything you can, travel as much, make as many friends and try new things.

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

1. Room decorations to make it feel more like home

2. Appropriate clothing for weather
3. Study stuff
4. Appropriate visa if you want to travel/ work
5. Passport

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.

I really loved everything, no overly bad experiences i can remember.
Just go have fun, get out of your comfort zone and explore!

Thank you for your time.