



Student Exchange Program

International Student Services

Exchange Final Report

Student Information

Faculty at UVic Social Sciences
Major/Minor Psychology
Host University Griffith University
Host Country Australia
Dates of Exchange February-June

Overall Exchange Experience

Please Rate your Overall Exchange Experience

1	2	3	4	5
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What was the most rewarding part of your exchange experience? Please outline any highlights.

Experiencing a new country while feeling at home.

What was the greatest challenge during your exchange?

Managing money.

Travel

Cost of air travel Flew on air points

Cost of ground transportation (ex. monthly bus pass) Under \$100

Did host university representatives meet you at the airport? Yes, we were picked up by a service that our host university set up.

Is there easy transportation between the airport and university? It takes roughly 2 hours by public transport. Use the train and tram

Orientation

Is there an organized orientation session upon arrival?

Yes, two-hour orientation.

How easy was it to find the info you needed to know upon arrival?

Information was easy to find, all online.

What assistance did you receive from your host institution upon arrival?

Accommodation

Is on-campus accommodation available? Yes

If yes, did you live on campus? No, I rented an apartment

Would you recommend this to future students? I enjoyed not living on campus.

If you lived off-campus, how did you find housing?

Through an Australian real estate app.

Approximately how much money would you budget per month for living, including accommodation and meals?

It cost me approximately \$1000 a month.

Language Programs

Is there a language program available either before or during the semester?

They have on available.

Is there an additional cost for the language training?

It is free.

Academics

Was it possible for you to get all the courses that you wanted?

No, I was not able to take criminology because Uvic does not offer it.

Please describe the course registration process

It was very simple and all online. Through your account, you register and choose your timetable.

Describe the manner and quality of instruction at your host university

Learning through a different style, more self taught.

What do you feel is the greatest academic benefit you have gained personally from your exchange?

Personal and Cultural Connections

How easy was it to adjust to the local culture? What (if any) cultural differences did you find particularly challenging? What parts of the culture did you most appreciate?

Very easy to adjust, lots of Australian words.

What kinds of cultural, athletic and social activities were available for students at your host institution?