



Student Exchange Program

International Student Services

Exchange Final Report

Student Information

Faculty at UVic Social Sciences
Major/Minor Geography
Host University James Cook
Host Country Australia
Dates of Exchange 02/2019-07/2019

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.

Making lifelong friends from all over the world, learning their ways of life and teaching my own.

What was the greatest challenge during your exchange?

Being so far from my family

Travel

Cost of air travel 1850

Cost of ground transportation (ex. monthly bus pass) 4.80 for a daily bus ticket

Did host university representatives meet you at the airport? YES!!

Is there easy transportation between the airport and university? Yes a bus / or taxi / uber

Orientation

Is there an organized orientation session upon arrival?

Yes , first one day of international orientation Mandatory, then a week long orientation for everyone
Optional (studying in Australia, then student activities – tour of the town , beach day, wildlife park ...

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

Very , excellent information on pick up , people ready to greet upon arrival . centres around for help if needed.

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

Housing help and information, wild animal care (crocodile/ snake / jellyfish cautions), sun care information , bank set up, mobile phone set up, weekly activities and events in town markets ect

Accommodation

Is on-campus accommodation available? YES

If yes, did you live on campus? yes

Would you recommend this to future students? Yes – International Housing Rotary

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

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

100 month food, roughly 200 month rent - can get it for 120/150/180. If just staying in town 9 dollar for bus every weekend. If traveling the country 200 – 600 depending on flying or driving, activities ...

Language Programs

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

I think they had a English helper in the orientation week if needed

Is there an additional cost for the language training?

Do not believe so

Academics

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

yes

Please describe the course registration process

Email administration courses youd like to do, they sign you up.

Describe the manner and quality of instruction at your host university

Fantastic. Very highquality instruction. Top researchers teaching, excellent field trips,

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

Field work on the great barrier reef, learning practical skills of surveying

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?

Language barrier even though same language different words and phrases, accent sometimes hard to understand.

Really fun, enthusiastic, humorous Australians. Extremely kind and happy to teach local knowledge (natives)

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

Student bar open twice a week in evenings, always something going on at the beach, markets every week, trips to the island, clubs always have events, weekly international coffee free breakfast and lunch from across the globe open to anyone