

RELAZIONE SU MOBILITA' ERASMUS STUDIO
REPORT ON MOBILITY ERASMUS STUDIO

PARTNER UNIVERSITY: Deakin University

1. Qualità dell'Università e dei corsi di studio seguiti

Quality of the University and the courses of study followed

Deakin University is divided in 4 different campuses in the state of Victoria, Australia. During my study abroad experience I attended classes from the Faculty of Business and Law and the Faculty of Informatics and all my classes were held at the Burwood campus. This campus is located in the suburb of Burwood, 16 km away from the Central Business District of Melbourne and it provides all the facilities needed to the students. Deakin University is one of the best universities in Australia when it comes to the fields that I have studied there. They also are 1 of 3 business schools in Victoria accredited by AACSB International and their online study programs offer you the possibility to study anywhere in the world.

The Units that I followed were well organised, they had a clear structure which was available online for the students from the moment they enrolled in that unit. The students had the material in advance so they could give themselves a heads up regarding to the following lecture and have a better preparation.

The study program was well defined and there was a division between theoretical studies and practical studies. The percentage dedicated to each typology of study depended from one unit to another but in general it was 70% - 30%. The 30% consisted on Assignments which could be done individually or as group assignments.

The material that had to be studied consisted in books, Power Point Presentations prepared by the lectures, studies published on different magazines and videos. Most of the material was available on cloud and the rest of it could be found through Deakin Library.

2. Organizzazione degli uffici e disponibilità dei docenti

Organization of offices and availability of teachers

During the orientation week there were done several campus tours in order to give to the students all the relevant information regarding campus, the buildings and the offices that the students might need. There was the "Student Central" which would give answer to the most generic questions regarding your life as a student, getting the student card and other requirements, then there were the offices of each faculty which would give answers to all the questions regarding the study programs, the classes to follow, the exams and different internships, and there was also the international office which would answer all the questions related to the exchange students and for the students who wanted to study abroad. The workflow of the offices was well defined and even if a student would go to the wrong office they would be directed and informed where to go.

The teachers were disponibile not only during classes or the times that they received students, but you could schedule appointments with them if you had particular requirements or just had difficulties to make it to the fixed student receivment. There was also a discussion session online for the students if they had questions regarding the subject, and those questions could receive answers not only from the teachers, but also from other students.

The teachers would explain to the students part of the lectures on the ones they had difficulties, give them insights about different topics of the study program and also discuss about topics of general interest of the respective fields. They would encourage discussions between the students in order to have a complete insight regarding different topics and encourage the student collaboration.

3. Servizi a disposizione degli studenti

Services available to students

Burwood campus had all the facilities that a student might need. Its architecture was remarkable, all the buildings had a modern architecture and were different from one another, with a special attention to the parks and the green areas. The campus was a place to study but also a place to exercise and spend free time with the friends.

There were different studying environments like the library, the reading rooms, study desks in the buildings around the campus and also open study spaces. The library remained open 24 hours giving the possibility to the students to study in different times. It also had a huge collection of books and if there were books that were missing through the library those books could be ordered from other Deakin campuses or other libraries in the state of Victoria. Another environment to study were the Libraries all around the campus where you could sit and do group studies enjoying a coffee in the world coffee capital.

Students had the possibility to study online and all the material of the classes was disponible online through cloud Deakin. Students also had the possibility to work from the computers located all around the campus and use different softwares like Photoshop, Autocad etc for free.

Students had the possibility to borrow devices like professional cameras or recording devices from the university for a certain amount of time for free.

In the campus there were located a gym and there were also fields where you could practice sports like volleyball, badminton, basketball, football, cricket etc. Weekly there were organised social events to play sports and meet new friends.

Deakin student association also organises different activities and trips for the student which involve cultural destination, city tours, beach trips, camping activities etc. There is also material available to be purchased with the university logo through DUSA.

There are different societies that you could join depending on the interests, and usually these societies operate in Trimester one and two. In trimester three they dramatically reduce their activities.

4. Esperienza in generale (città, accomodation, prezzi, servizi, cibo, etc.)

General experience (city, accommodation, prices, services, food, etc.)

Melbourne is one of the biggest cities of Australia and it is located on the southwestern coast. The weather changes daily and the expression: "Melbourne has four seasons in a day" is more than true. The temperatures change a lot during the day so you must be always prepared. The city itself never sleeps! In the central business district are located the headquarters of different multinationals and other companies, but there are also many houses and other activities.

When it comes to the food you can find almost everything, starting from the fast food chains, different types of Asian food, lots of Italian places and other different types of food. For a food lover such as myself it was the perfect city to live in. I would suggest to everyone the famous Hot Pot, Bimbab or if you

are hurrying to go somewhere and you have to eat on the road a Pork Banh Mi would be the perfect choice.

Melbourne is also known as the capital of the coffee. The quality of the coffee on the plenty coffee shops all around the city is really high and the customer service is one of the bests. Every coffee shop there sells a great coffee and a lifetime experience. Having a chat with the persons behind the counter, who most of the time are travellers from all over the world is an unique experience and for the price of a coffee you also get a story and if you are lucky enough a friend.

There are also different types of accommodations for students. There are on campus accommodations provided from the university, family accommodations and of campus accommodations. When it comes to the off campus accommodations there are different options. The public transport network is quite good so depending on the requirements and the budget you can find accommodations in the city or the suburbs. If you are looking for a busy lifestyle, with incredible nights and meeting lots of people than the CBD is the best options even though the price for a single room in a shared flat is more than 700€. If you want to do the same lifestyle there are also some streets in different suburbs such as Fitzroy Street, Chapel street, Church street that can be taken in consideration.

All the suburbs in Melbourne are different from one another and they all deserve to be visited or to be taken in consideration. Living in some of them might be also a good idea. In St Kilda you can enjoy the sea even though the university is a bit far away, Richmond is between the city and the Burwood campus and it is a nice place to live, Fitzroy is a very busy suburb with plenty interesting things to offer.

Outside of the city you can do great activities in order to enjoy your experience there even more. There is the Great Ocean Road, Mornington Peninsula, Wilson Promontory, South Yarra Valley, Mount Dandenong and there are also amazing activities to do in the city, such as walk by the sea at Docklands, activities in Albert park, Walks in the Yarra river, visit on the different parks, visit in the different markets who preserve their own beauty, and so many more.

5. Consigliaresti questa esperienza ad altri studenti? Si/No, perché?

Would you recommend this experience to other students? Yes / No, why?

I would recommend this experience to everyone because it helped me grow my academic preparation but at the same time it helped me grow as a person. The subjects that I studied were really interesting and enriched my professional toolbox, increasing the opportunity of a future employment. This experience gave me new insights of my profession and helped me discover new opportunities.

During this experience I also grew as a person. I have been in contact with different people from different parts of the world. I learned about their culture, traditions, lifestyle and the most important I made new friends. I meet colleagues at the university, I improved my social skills, my group work skills and I learned how to work in a multinational work environment. On the other hand I meet people in my daily life, I meet travel buddies, party people, festival freaks, but the most important is that I made friends. Now I can say that there is a couch waiting for me in more than 20 countries around the world and that new adventures are loading. Once an Exchange student, always a traveller!

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Organizzazione degli uffici e disponibilità dei docenti
Organization of offices and availability of teachers

GLI UFFICI SONO DISPONIBILI E RISPONDONO PRONTAMENTE.
TRA I DOCENTI ALCUNI SONO PIÙ DISPONIBILI DI ALTRI, COME A FIRENZE.

Servizi a disposizione degli studenti
Services available to students

SPORT GRATUITO, EVENTI E USUITE PER SOCIALIZZARE E CONOSCERE IL TERRITORIO.
WORKSHOP GRATUITI E NON.
SERVIZI MEDICI E ASSISTENZA PSICOLOGICA.
ASSISTENZA E TUTORAGGIO ALL'ORGANIZZAZIONE UNIVERSITARIA E ALLE SINGOLE

Esperienza in generale (città, accomodation, prezzi, servizi, cibo, etc.)
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MATERIE
GRATUITE

HO TROVATO L'AUSTRIA MOLTO CARA PER VIVERE MA IL CAMBIO ERA A MIO FAVORE DUNQUE IL CIBO, PER ESEMPIO NON ERA COSÌ CARO, ANCHE PIÙ ECONOMICO. GLI AFFITTI E GLI EXTRA TRA CUI IL TRASPORTO SONO MOLTO CARI. IL CIBO È BUONO, CI SONO CUCINE DA TUTTO IL MONDO. LA CITTÀ È MERAVIGLIOSA

Consigliaresti questa esperienza ad altri studenti? Sì/No, perché?
Would you recommend this experience to other students? Yes / No, why?

DECISAMENTE, SÌ. SEPPUR OCCIDENTALE È UNA CULTURA MOLTO DIVERSA DALLA NOSTRA CHE APRE DECISAMENTE GLI ORIZZONTI

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Ho seguito i corsi a distanza, quindi non ho visto l'Università. La qualità delle lezioni era buona e tutte le piattaforme hanno funzionato alla perfezione, nonostante la distanza.

Organizzazione degli uffici e disponibilità dei docenti

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I docenti, gli assistenti e i membri degli uffici sono sempre stati disponibili e gentili.

Servizi a disposizione degli studenti

Services available to students

Non so rispondere.

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Non so rispondere.

Consigliaresti questa esperienza ad altri studenti? Sì/No, perché?

Would you recommend this experience to other students? Yes / No, why?

Non consiglierai di fare la mobilità a distanza.