



My Exchange Evaluation

Basic Information

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| Host University | WU Wirtschaftsuniversität Wien Vienna University of Economics and Business |
| Semester & Year of Exchange | Vienna Innovation Programme – May 12 – May 24 th , 2019 |
| Otago degree(s) | Online MBA |
| Major(s) | Online MBA |

Academics/ course load

Which papers did you take whilst on exchange?

| Course title | Language of instruction | Otago equivalent | Otago credit value |
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| Vienna Innovation Programme | English | Paper | 15 credits |
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Any comments about these papers?

This paper touched on basic innovative tool methods, both the academic and practical components worked in synergy to explain to the students in a short period of time.

How did the academic experience/ workload/ style of teaching differ from Otago?

As the course was only 2 weeks, the course was more intense, 4 hours lectures from 9am – 1pm most days and remainder of the afternoon designated to group work. The teaching style was similar in the sense of both academic and practical components. One positive for Otago university is the expectations are clearly set and communicated to students whereas at this university, that was not clearly stated.

Accommodation

What accommodation did you stay in? What were the pros and cons of your accommodation?

I stayed in a hotel, it was a 3 star hotel, good breakfast, very convenient as located 2 mins from the university, if students are to attend this program, would highly recommend staying at the hotel.

Money matters

Please detail your basic costs, e.g. accommodation, flights, visa, food, insurance

Costs – flights and food.

What means did you use to access your finances? What would you recommend? (Credit card, Cash passport, foreign bank account, etc.)

I used credit cards and cash.

Visas & Insurance

Did you have to apply for a visa? What was the process?

No I did not have to apply for a visa.

Did your host university have a mandatory insurance?

No they did not.

Extra-curricular/Social Activities

What organised activities were available to students? What extra-curricular activities would you recommend to future exchange students?

The extra-curricular activities for this programme was fantastic, it was well planned from a social point of view. The initial welcome dinner was great as all students mingled, activities included day trip to Salzburg, opera, traditional wine tavern, etc, even though it was a short course, I felt like I has seen and done the things to do in Vienna.

What was the university/ city like?

The University was very modern, facilities were great, very clean and eco-friendly university campus.

Any recommendations for things to do, places to visit, places to eat etc.?

Activities as part of the programme include the must see, eat and drink.

Any tips for future students?

The course was quite intensive however remember to have fun at the same time.

Overall Experience

Please write one paragraph (or more) about your exchange experience. Please include some photos!

I envisaged only lectures and a few activities however this program had a balance of both.

Meeting people from different cultures has been interesting and exciting, having to build relationships with new people in a short space of also has been an experience and a journey of self-discovery and growth as an individual.

The travel aspect of seeing the sights and experiencing the culture of food, history was great.

My overall experience on the exchange program was fantastic!



First day of course



Schonbrunn Palace.

Cross-cultural Team







University of Otago – MBA students