



My Exchange Evaluation

Basic Information

Host University	Exeter University
Semester & Year of Exchange	S1 2023
Otago degree(s)	Law and Arts
Major(s)	Politics

Academics/ course load

Which papers did you take whilst on exchange?

Course title	Language of instruction	Otago equivalent
Pol3280 Recognition in World Politics	English	300
Pol2122 Politics of Youth Participation	"	200
Law2171 Human Rights & Human Dignity	"	400 (Interest)
Law2100 Human Trafficking & Modern Slavery	"	"

Total Otago credits gained: 54 points 72 points 108 points 66 _____

Any comments about these papers?

All Internal Papers! Pretty standard but Law papers had an emphasis on European Law

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

A lot of the students were a lot more invested in doing the readings, but the workload & level of writing seemed to be lower than that of Otago. A 40 was a pass.

Accommodation

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

I stayed at James Owen Court. This is the primary Uni accommodation at Exeter (Only option I had available). All rooms had an ensuite and in a flat of 6-8 (all in one building). I think this is the ideal option as you are living with all the other exchange students so its super easy to make likeminded friends.

Money matters

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

Don't get a visa for one semester.

Food was cheaper than NZ (currently)

I got private insurance but the one recommended by Uni seemed to be good.

Accom was a bit expensive – would recommend paying in one go instead of the two payments they suggest (finding the money for the second payment was rough).

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

I used wise. Super good would really recommend as was awesome for traveling around Europe as well.

Visas & Insurance

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

I applied for a student visa but I shouldn't have. Super easy process except for the fingerscanning part. I would only apply if you are staying for a year (necessary) or if you want to work.

Did your host university have a mandatory insurance?

No. But Otago does.

Extra-curricular/Social Activities

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

Super important to join clubs here – best way to meet locals. I joined Croquet – was a laugh.

A sport is good too but games are normally on the weekends so need to weight up travel and sport.

Also take advantage of the exchange activities in the first week – EASY way to make friends.

What was the university/ city like?

Exeter was a pretty sick city, similar to Dunedin in that it is RUN by students. Locals can be a bit dodge at times there is a pretty big homeless population but they are pretty harmless.

UNI is up a HUGE hill, similar to that of the big Duffers ones, but campus is really pretty and modern.

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

Exeter:

Puravida & Sunset Society are both cafes within 3mins of James Owen. Best student café I found, cheap and nice vibes – will def be the local.
WAGAMAMAs is great. Highly recommend.
Old Firehouse for PIZZA.
EFES GRILL ON A NIGHT OUT – get a chicken box it will change your life

PUBS:

- Henrys 3 for 11 pound drinks
- Bowling Green – cute vibe
- Turks Head – most English PUB
- Also a pub on campus open all day!

The Quay was my favourite part of Exeter!

Clubbing/drinking is a huge part of Exeter Culture:

- Monday – FEVER
- Tuesday – Cavern (5 pounds)
- Wednesday – TP (Timepiece) (2-5 pounds)
- Thursday – TP or FEVER
- Friday + SAT – TP

You have to buy tickets for the clubs for specific times, find out what time tickets drop (ESPECIALLY ON WEDNESDAY AT TP, BEST NIGHT OF THE WEEK) and get the app FIXR, its how you get all your tickets.

Head down to the beach at EXMOUTH, nice on a summers day.

Any tips for future students?

Join OVERHEAD at Uni of Exeter FB page, always a laugh and its how you get tickets to clubs if you miss out.

GET A RAILCARD.

Overall Experience

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

I loved my experience at Exeter, all the exchange students who go are looking for a good time. It was a super good base for other travel as its so close to London and Bristol airports.

Make the most of every minute you have here.



Exeter Cathedral



Invades Races



English Scones at the Quay



Dublin for St Paddys