



My Exchange Evaluation

Basic Information

Host University	Lund University
Semester & Year of Exchange	Spring Semester 2019
Otago degree(s)	LLB / BCom
Major(s)	Accounting

Academics/ course load

Which papers did you take whilst on exchange?

Course title	Language of instruction	Otago equivalent	Otago credit value
Barbarians and Romans	English	200 level LLB	15
Scandinavian welfare state	English	↓	15
Models of equality	English	↓	15
History of the Holocaust	English	↓	15

Any comments about these papers?

Super interesting as could use the credits for my law degree despite them not being law papers. Well taught.

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

A lot more interactive in regards to the seminars - had to do weekly presentations and engage in class discussion. The semester was also broken down into period 3 and 4 with two papers per period. I found this a lot more manageable.

Accommodation

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

I stayed in Delphi, which I got through AF Bostader. It was such a fun place to be, with great facilities and awesome grounds around it - park nearby and lots of BBQ spots. It was mixed Swedish and exchange students which meant I actually met some Swedish people which I wouldn't have otherwise. Delphi is out of town, but only a 10 min bike ride and its right on the bus line so is super accessible.

Money matters

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

Accommodation was roughly NZD \$720 a month, paid monthly.
Flights were \$2,500 return. Visa and Insurance are around \$300.
Food is similarly priced to NZ, and as Lund is a student city it isn't as expensive as the rest of Sweden.

Other costs were my bike which I paid \$150 for but got \$80 resale.

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

I used my ASB Visa Debit card which charged me a 2% transaction fee every time I used it. I'd recommend using NZB - an online bank.

Visas & Insurance

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

Yes, apply through the Swedish Migration Agency website. It's relatively straightforward, requiring your acceptance to Lund Uni, proof of funds, passport scan etc.

Did your host university have a mandatory insurance?

Yes but it covered it upon acceptance.

Extra-curricular/Social Activities

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

Join a nation! I joined VGs as it had discounts for their club, but as long as you're with one nation you can go to the events of any. Make sure to follow them on FB and it's super easy to go to events that pop up - from language cafe, baking, yoga, sports, night clubs etc.

What was the university/city like? The university was really good! Right near the centre of Lund. Lund is the most amazing wee town, felt so comfortable there right away. Such a beautiful and fun place.

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

Explore Skåne area and the rest of Sweden. We did a couple of trips to Copenhagen which was a 40 min train ride away.

Any tips for future students?

Get as involved as you can - all exchange students are super friendly, and going to nation events gives you a chance to meet Swedish students too.

Overall Experience

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

The exchange experience far exceeded any of my expectations! Lund is an incredible place and beautiful city. As it's a student town it's super social and really well set up for exchange students. I'd recommend this was the best 6 months, and I met the most incredible amazing friends from all over the world and was able to see so much of Europe. You won't regret choosing Lund!