



Student Exchange Evaluation

Basic Information

Otago degree(s)	Bachelor of Arts	Major(s)	History
Host University	Manchester	Semester & Year of Exchange	Semester two, 2017

Academics/ course load

Which papers did you take whilst on exchange?

Course title	Language of instruction	Otago equivalent	Otago credit value
Writing, Identity and Nation	English	Year two	18 pts
From Catastrophe to Crusade: Europe in the aftermath of the Vikings	English	Year two	27 pts
Winds of Change: Politics, Society and Culture in Britain, 1899-1990	English	Year two	27 pts

Any comments about these papers?

They were all enjoyable

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

The teaching was similar, however the reading lists were substantially bigger.

Accommodation

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

Family home, so it was easy.

Money matters

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

Flights cost about \$2000, food was \$100 a week, insurance was \$400, I have a UK pp so no visa required.

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

I had a cash passport which worked really well for my travels. Then when I was in the UK I used my passport to set up a bank account. I would recommend a cash passport with a credit card as an emergency option.

Visas & Insurance

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

n/a

Did your host university have a mandatory insurance?

No, Otago made me take out a comprehensive policy. I chose 1cover as it was the best value I could find.

Extra-curricular/Social Activities

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

Lots of clubs, activities and sports on offer. It is a huge university with another huge one 1km away.

What was the university/ city like?

Lots of students, Manchester has three large universities. Friendly people, although there is definitely a crime element to be aware of. The weather was terrible but everything else was great. As for the university, I found the teaching and variety of papers excellent. The resources were sometimes stretched though due to the sheer volume of students.

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

So much to see and do, not just in Manchester but the rest of the country is easily accessible.

Any tips for future students?

Go to Manchester it's great.

Overall Experience

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