



My Exchange Evaluation

Basic Information

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| Host University | Corvinus University of Budapest |
| Semester & Year of Exchange | S2 2018 |
| Otago degree(s) | Bachelor of Commerce |
| Major(s) | Management (Minor) Marketing Management |

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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| Project Management (6 credits) | English | MART3XX | 18 |
| Organisational Behaviour (6 credits) | English | MART3XX | 18 |
| International Business Case Studies (6 credits) | English | MART3XX | 18 |
| Operations and Process Management (3 credits) | English | MART3XX | 9 |
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Any comments about these papers?

All the papers were very straightforward.

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

I found that the workload was lower than Otago and the teaching style was much the same but we had lectures and tutorials back to back so it did tend to be more practical.

Accommodation

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

I flatbed in a 3 person flat. I didn't have any cons of flatting as I was happy with the price, location and my flatmates.

Money matters

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

My costs included rent (\$125 nzd a week), travel, visa (\$105 nzd), food (\$5 nzd or less for a meal), insurance (\$400 nzd)

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

I used a Cashpassport but it was mainly to get cash out because most places only accept cash.

Visas & Insurance

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

The visa was a long process which involved getting the right documents sorted, including a signed form from the landlord of the place of accommodation. Then I waited at the immigration office for a day to get the visa sent a month or so later.

Did your host university have a mandatory insurance?

I needed insurance for the visa.

Extra-curricular/Social Activities

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

ESN Corvinus organised many social events almost everyday or every week which anyone could attend. They also organised weekend trips which I would recommend to future students.

What was the university/ city like?

The university was nice and easy to fit into. The city was amazing as there is so much to see and do.

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

Hero Square, Fishermans Bastion, St Stephens Basilica and the Parliament building are a few of my favourites.

Any tips for future students?

-Download Google Maps, Google Translate, Flixbus, BKK Futar, Ryanair apps.

-Never say no and always invite as many people as you can on your trips or nights out. One of my best memories on exchange was going on a week long road trip with a group of 8 students who most of them I had never met before.

-Don't let your doubts or nerves stop you, because you will not regret your decision to go exchange. You will meet like minded people from all across the world and make really great connections for future travels.

Overall Experience

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

I spent my second semester at Corvinus University in Budapest 2018. The reason I chose to go to Budapest was because I knew very little about Hungary, I had heard it was a great city for students. Budapest and my time here exceeded all my expectations. I couldn't have picked a better location to finish my degree and get a head start on my travels in the meantime. I genuinely loved every minute and for the most part couldn't believe how lucky I was to be there.