



## My Exchange Evaluation

### Basic Information

Host University	University College Dublin
Semester & Year of Exchange	2018 Semester 2
Otago degree(s)	Commerce
Major(s)	Marketing and Management

### Academics/ course load

Which papers did you take whilst on exchange?

Course title	Language of instruction	Otago equivalent	Otago credit value
Business & Global Development	English		5
Governing the International Business Environment	English		5
Managing in the Cross Cultural Environment	English		5
Responsible Marketing	English		5
Services Marketing	English		5

Any comments about these papers?

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

### Accommodation

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

**Student Accommodation on site – very expensive for what it was, far away from the city and no ovens. Pros was onsite and sorted before I arrived. Lots of exchange students stayed there.**

### Money matters

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

*Accommodation: \$7500*

*Flights: \$1300 return*

*Visa: None as had passport but is 300 euro*

*Food: expensive like \$150 a week*

*Insurance: \$450 – Southern Cross was by far the cheapest*

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

*Used my New Zealand Debit card. Currency cards are good as a backup but can work out more expensive than just a normal bank card*

## **Visas & Insurance**

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

No

*Did your host university have a mandatory insurance?*

## **Only accommodation**

## **Extra-curricular/Social Activities**

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

Exchange students association and lots of sports and social clubs

Some exchange student events were great to go along too

*What was the university/ city like?*

Great, fun, vibrant, friendly and easy to get around

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

Galway is worth the trip, Howth is a little sea side town not that far away. Dundrum is a shopping center that has everything you need not that far away and easier than going into town. Jameson factory is great has a good mix of history in there. Temple bar area is always a good time.

*Any tips for future students?*

Accommodation is really hard to get and there are lots of scams so even though the student accommodation is expensive, it is probably worth it.

## **Overall Experience**

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

**Ireland is a great place to go on exchange, everyone is friendly, helpful and the country just generally has a great feel to it. The other great benefit of Ireland is the low cost airline Ryanair is based there making travelling super easy from Dublin. 7 Euros for a flight to Mallorca a Spanish island was a highlight as well as 14 euro to Scotland.**

**The University is great they offer some interesting and different business papers. I would recommend trying some of the papers that take an EU perspective as they offer a contrast to what we are offered at Otago. The level of work is probably similar if not easier but much more work and internal intensive. The other great thing is as Irish students mainly go home for the weekends you are more than likely to get at least a four if not three day weekend.**

**The University grounds are beautiful, modern and have eight km of walking and running tracks, a stadium, two gyms, pool complex and even lakes. The exchange team are extremely supportive and accessible if you should need assistance as well as organising fun events.**

**One thing I would say is that Ireland is expensive (Particularly if the dollar crashed while you're away), so be prepared for that before you leave.**

**Would 10/10 recommend Dublin as a great exchange spot! Good craic**