



## Student Exchange Evaluation

### Basic Information

<b>Otago degree(s)</b>	Science, Commerce	<b>Major(s)</b>	Accounting, Finance, Economics, Mathematics
<b>Host University</b>	National University of Singapore	<b>Semester &amp; Year of Exchange</b>	Semester 2, 2017

### Academics/ course load

*Which papers did you take whilst on exchange?*

Course title	Language of instruction	Otago equivalent	Otago credit value
<b>Game Theory and Applications to Economics (EC3312)</b>	English	Unspecified ECON 300 Level	18 ECTS
<b>Corporate Finance (FIN3101)</b>	English	FINC 303	18 ECTS
<b>Investment Analysis and Portfolio Management (FIN3102)</b>	English	FINC 302	18 ECTS
<b>Financial Markets (FIN3103)</b>	English	Unspecified FINC 300 Level	18 ECTS

### Any comments about these papers?

All were excellent papers and at a very similar level to their Otago equivalents.

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

A lot of cases and group work and a very similar style to Otago

### Accommodation

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

Stayed in Prince Georges Park Residence (PGP). Advantages: Cheap, Close to the city underground (MRT). Disadvantages: Dirty. Mouldy. Further away from campus. 40 minutes' walk from University Town (UTown) which is the heart of activities for all international students during the semester. Overall I would not recommend PGP unless on a severe budget. If I had to stay another semester I would have moved to UTown and was very close to moving during my semester.

### **Money matters**

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

Flights – Changing all the time

Visa and admin costs amounted to roughly \$200-\$300

Food: Each Meal around \$5 or less.

Insurance: Can't remember

Accommodation: \$2000 - \$3000

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

I had a cousin staying in Singapore and used transferwise to send money to her and then took cash out. Very safe place and cash is very common.

### **Visas & Insurance**

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

Visa application was very simple and the university took care of a lot of the paperwork. The process consisted of completion of simple online forms.

*Did your host university have a mandatory insurance?*

Yes

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

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

Lots and lots of potential activities for students. A very inclusive university for extra-curricular activities for exchange students.

*What was the university/ city like?*

University was fantastic as well as the city. Very safe and clean and an excellent base for weekend trips around Asia.

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

Get away every weekend as soon as you can as some of the courses become very difficult toward the end of semester.

*Any tips for future students?*

Avoid PGP. Pay the extra money and stay at UTown. It is 100% worth it. Everything else is very intuitive and straight forward. An excellent place for an exchange if you want to travel around the rest of Asia.

### **Overall Experience**

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

Overall a great experience. The papers were valuable and provided and interesting insight into business in Asia. The city is very safe and great to walk around with many cultures living together in a very small place. After a couple of weeks exploring the city it is very easy to fly into other areas of South East Asia and explore further afield.