



My Exchange Evaluation

Basic Information

Host University	ESADE
Semester & Year of Exchange	2nd semester, 3rd year
Otago degree(s)	Bachelor of 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
Communication and Leadership	English		
Introduction to Spanish	Spanish		
Supply Chain Management	English		
Change Mangement	English		
Spanish culture and art	English		

Any comments about these papers?

Overall due to the courses being designed for English as a second language speakers the classes were all quite easy.

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

They use a small class room approach with lots of interaction which was really different but good. It taught more public speaking in a causal setting skills and you are still assessed on it.

Accommodation

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

I lived in Barcelona which was awesome the night life and city culture is unbelievable but it means you have to take a 45-1 hr train to class there and back each day which can be a pain.

Money matters

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

I paid 600 euros a month but that was on the pricy side, food is roughly the same as here, insurance depending on your coverage will be expensive flights were 800 one way 750 the other. But flying within Europe is so cheap \$30 nz and you can go almost anywhere it's a great base as it has a big international airport

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

I used a cash passport but many accomodation providers want a spanish bank account

Visas & Insurance

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

Yes but it was very simple just apply online and they will email back to confirm it's been processed

Did your host university have a mandatory insurance?

No

Extra-curricular/Social Activities

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

No they didn't really, they did have a great walking tour with Alex Fernandez which I would recommend it's free and he talks about the old town Barcelona

What was the university/ city like?

The University was pretty average but the city was incredible so it 100% made up for it

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

Try all the local foods take the Spanish culture class and they tell you all the local foods you should try

Any tips for future students?

Take as many of Alex's courses as you can he's one of the best lecturers I have ever had

Overall Experience

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

Barcelona, the name itself makes you want to go there. Filled with such an exciting and interesting culture, food and traditions. My favourite place in Europe by far. Barcelona as a student travelling alone is a really safe city to walk around at night and it has beautiful architecture. You will never get bored because there are so many things to see and do. You have to try all the local food and go to experience local festivals because it will make you truly appreciate all that Barcelona has to offer.

