

General Information			
Host Country	Australia		
Host School	RMIT		
Program start & end dates	March 6 – June 20		
Program of Study	Fashion Design		
Type of Study Abroad	<input type="checkbox"/> Exchange	<input type="checkbox"/> UMAP exchange	<input type="checkbox"/> Other:
General Evaluation			
In a couple of sentences, summarize and explain your general evaluation of your experience.	I had a incredible experience! Met wonderful people and everything went smoothly.		
Arrival			
How easy or challenging was it to obtain your travel documents (visa, permits, etc.)?	It was very easy, I just applied through the websites provided.		
Describe your transportation arrangements to your host country. Would you alter any part of those arrangements?	Public transport is really great in Melbourne. Was quite inexpensive and easy to navigate.		
How was your experience clearing customs and immigration upon arrival in your host country? Any surprises?	No surprises, very smooth.		
Describe how you traveled to your host facility. How long did it take and how much did it cost?	Took about 30 hours, such a long flight. Cost around \$2k-\$2.5k		
Orientation and Assistance			
How satisfied were you with the assistance available to at your host school? Were there people and resources available for you for support?	I was very satisfied as the University had so much to offer and was almost overwhelming. No one reached out to me within the facility which was kind of disappointing, I was not completely supported but I felt it was very smooth so there was no need anyways.		
What help did you receive from the international staff or office?	I did not receive help from RMIT international staff. (also did not need help).		
How was new student orientation at the host university? What did they do?	It was fun. I attended the Fashion as well as the normal orientations. The fashion one was not as good since they disused basics which I have heard many times. The normal orientation at the main campus was fun because the student association was very active.		
Housing & Daily Life			
Describe your accommodation in your host country. Were you pleased with this choice or what	I stayed in student accommodation since it was difficult to find a place for only 5 months. I did like it but it was a little bit on the pricey side.		

would you have done differently? Nothing	
When could you move into housing and how long were you allowed to stay?	I moved in one week before classes and I was able to stay two weeks after my classes.
What kinds of services and facilities were nearby where you lived (shop, cafe gym, parks, pharmacy, stations...)	I was located right downtown beside the university so there was everything.
Describe what you did about meals and what other options were available. How satisfied were you with the food?	I cooked.
How close was your accommodation to where you studied?	I study at two campus's, one was across the street (not even two minutes away) the main campus I was at was about 35 minutes by tram.
Academics & Course Registration	
Describe the registration process at your host institution. What assistance was available to you? Were you satisfied?	There was not really a process I just applied☺
What advice would you offer to another exchange student about registration at your host institution?	Make sure you triple check the courses you are wanting to take. What they say on the website is quite different to what they are actually.
What tips to you have for finding the courses and course syllabuses/ outlines?	No tips. Very easy to find on the RMIT website.
Academics & Course Registration (cont'd)	
How satisfied were you with the amount of knowledge/skills you obtained from your host?	Very satisfied.
How did the style of teaching, and workload compare to Canada? Was it more independent or group learning?	The style and workload was very different. I felt underwhelmed. KPU has a very intense workload for fashion design students while RMIT was but more laid back in my opinion.
How many courses did you take during your time abroad? Are there particular courses would you recommend?	I took three classes. I would 100% recommend the Transform Fashion Design Materials. I learnt a lot of good techniques.
What was your impression of the computer facilities, library, internet access, specialized	The library was really good at the main campus, I spent most of my time there. The sewing machine access was very difficult as there were too many rules (unlike KPU) and was hard to find a timetable for

equipment and supplies available at your host facility?	the machines. The staff were also quite rude when I forgot about a rule.
Cost	
Books and Supplies/per term:	\$0
Flight:	\$2.5k
Accommodation/per month:	\$470 per week
Meals/per month:	\$?
Local transportation/per month:	\$5
Health insurance/per term:	\$300 (I cannot find the exact price)
Communication (internet, phone, etc.) – per term	\$40 a month for cell phone.
Travel documents (Passport, Study permit, visa, etc.)	\$550. (cannot find the exact price for visa)
Vaccinations:	\$0
Personal spending (entertainment and extra travel) – per term	\$? Did not keep track.
Were there unexpected costs you encounter? What items were less or more expensive than expected?	Food was very expensive and came a bit of a shock to me.
Extra-Curricular & Social Activities	
What type of organized activities were available to you? What extra-curricular activities would you recommend to future students?	So many! There are so many clubs on campus I joined a surf club at RMIT as well as at a different university.
Did you travel outside the host location? If so, where do you recommend?	I traveled to Sydney, Gold coast, as well as southeast Asia.
What opportunities were there to work or volunteer? Did you require special permits to do this?	I volunteered for Melbourne Fashion Festival. Super fun and an easy application process.
Health and Safety	
Describe any health/safety concerns or issues you had during your experience.	None
What helped you keep safe and healthy? Did you access any health care supports and if so how was the experience?	None
What wellness supports did they offer at the University? Were there counselling or medical services?	I think so? I did not need any so I am not sure
Personal and Cultural Connections	

Were there any cultural differences you had to adjust to? Were there language barrier issues?	No
What part(s) of the country and culture did you most appreciate?	It's cool to see how similar yet slightly different Australia is to Canada.
How was it traveling alone and making friends?	It was great, making friends was easy in a University setting.
How were you treated by local people? By university staff and faculty? By students?	Great! I did not have any bad experiences with Aussies.
How accommodating are they to students with a disability? Were there any accommodations offered?	Not sure.
How is the situation for students who are visible minorities in your host country?	Good I believe. I cannot speak on this since I am not a visible minority.
How welcoming are they to for those who identify as LGBTQIA+?	Not sure? I personally feel, as a queer women, we do not look to the University for LGBTQ resources.
Overall	
What are 5-10 important things other students should know before going to your host country/region?	
1. Weather	
2. Housing	
3. Location	
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What was the most rewarding part of your study abroad experience?	Just the overall experience. Moving to a new country alone and meeting incredible people.
What was the greatest challenge you faced during your experience abroad?	Greatest challenge was keeping friendships back home solid.
How has your perspective changed	I have changed a bit as a person in a good way, I feel more mature and

as a result of your study abroad experience?	sure of myself.
What else do you want to add about your study abroad?	

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