

Student Exchange Questionnaire

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Massey Degree: Bachelor of Food Technology (Food Product Technology)

Host university: Purdue University

Semester and year of exchange: Semester 2, 2017

- **Why did you choose this particular university and/or country for exchange?**

We got given three options and Purdue was the most attractive option for me.

- **Did it meet your expectations?**

It was a very good university I learnt a lot during my exchange.

- **What papers did you study while on exchange? Would you recommend them?**

Chemical thermodynamics- sophomore weed out chemical engineering course recommended if you want a challenge contains a lot of maths and very abstract concepts. You are required to put in a lot of hours to pass this paper.

Momentum transfer- covered graduate level fluid mechanics has a lot of maths involved a very interesting paper.

Biochemistry- was my easiest paper exams were relatively easy and the content was very easy to study even though there was a lot.

Microbiology- by far the best course I have ever done with the best lecturer. Extremely difficult as a lot of content was covered with a lot of difficult concepts but it was worth it.

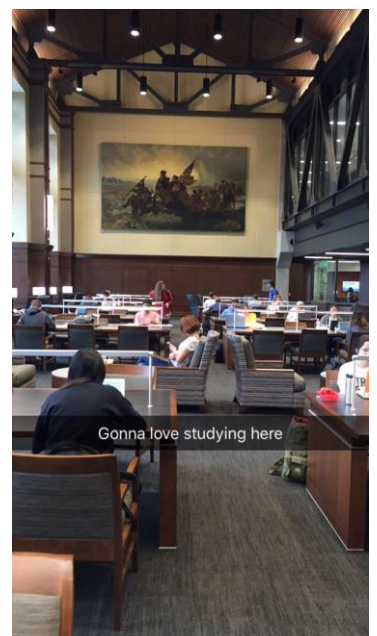
Nutritional science- graduate level food science went very in depth with absorption of foods I found it difficult.

- **Were there differences in the teaching methods and academic environment at your host university, compared to Massey University? If so, what kind of differences?**

At Purdue all the content was given and you were given homework assignments which were very similar to the exams.

A lot study was listening to the lectures again.

A lot more content was covered and they went a lot further in depth to what you would expect at Massey.



- **Did you stay on-campus or off-campus? What was the accommodation like?**
I stayed off campus accommodation was okey. It was difficult to find a house that was for a six month lease.

- **How did living expenses compare with New Zealand?**
I did not pay for anything but snacks. I think I spent more money due to the exchange rate.

- **What extra-curricular activities did you participate in at the host university?**

I joined the cycling team I was kinda sad because it wasn't racing season but I managed to compete in the Indiana state time trail championships where I came second in the U23 category.

I only cycled with the team before the semester started as I did not have time after.

- **What's one thing you learnt about your host country or culture?**
They like football and they take their education very seriously.

- **What were some of the highlights of your exchange experience?**
Passing my papers making a few friends going to DC, New York and Canada.

- **What did you find challenging?**
Passing my papers, getting used to the food, the heat and the cold.

- **What do you feel you have learnt or gained from going on exchange?**
Better studying habits.

- **Do you have any tips for future students intending to travel to the same country or university?**
Get a car so you can travel everywhere there is a lot to see.

- **Do you have any comments on the support provided to you by Massey University and/or by the host university before/during/after your exchange?**
It was excellent, communication was great and I did not have any problems during my stay.

