

Student Exchange Questionnaire

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Host University: The University of Edinburgh

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I chose The University of Edinburgh due to the suggestion from the one of my lecturers, who has studied at England before. She described the Edinburgh city as a very old and beautiful city. I am thus attracted by the Scottish style city; and it is frankly gorgeous. My experience at the UoE did meet my expectations. I studied a lot in Edinburgh; and I have made some more friends from different countries over the world. I also experienced the fantastic pub culture in the Scotland.

In terms of the study at the UoE, I had three papers, which were 60 credits in total, there. The three papers were The Economics of Corporate Strategy, Futures and Options and The entrepreneurship and New Venture Creation. Frankly, it was hard to study the three honour papers in an unfamiliar education system. But I have really studied some new techniques last semester. I do recommend the ECS and ENVC for those potential students who are going to the UoE. I personally think it is difficult to achieve high grades in the Futures and Options because this paper is difficult. Also, although the lecturer is a nice guy and he is the head of the finance school; he is strict with the grades. Therefore, I think the exchange students should choose some easier papers.

In addition, they do have some differences with the Massey. For example, the three papers have only 60 hours for in-class teaching one semester. That is to say, students should invest a plenty of time on the self-study. And students have a large number of essays and reports each semester. Therefore, students should be able to manage their time reasonably to balance the study and the life.

Moreover, I was living on the campus in the Edinburgh. But it is different with Massey. The UoE does not have a clear concept on the campus. That is, the teaching buildings and accommodation buildings could be in the anywhere in the old town of Edinburgh. And some accommodation buildings look very historic but the insides are warm and comfortable. The rent would be more expensive than Massey because the Edinburgh is a tourism city. For the cheapest self-catered single room, it was around \$185 per week.

In addition, I did not have some special extra-curricular activities. But I was the class representative in the class of ECS. It is a special system compared to Massey. The class-rep is a kind of connection between students and lecturers



in every paper. And the college organises some meetings for class-reps to obtain some feedback in every paper.

Furthermore, I did learn a lot from the exchange experience. For example, I got to know how to cooperate with people from different cultures in the group work. Also, it was amazing to be a little drunk with friends in such an old city. But people always look drunk on the street during the night.

I do not have any specific highlight in my exchange experience. The good thing is I am trying to cooperate with the one of my lecturers to start a business but everything is in progress. So I wish it would be a highlight in my exchange experience.



For the future students to the UoE or the UK, I think they should invest more time on the study. It is normally difficult for people to adapt to an unfamiliar education system efficiently. Also, I think students should buy a car for travelling in the UK. Although the public transport is convenient with the Euro, it is sometimes really expensive. For the support provided by Massey, I think it is enough for students. They should try to do things independently for the preparation of the coming exchange. And the support of the Massey international office is definitely enough.

