



2023-2024

Report 1

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| faculty/college | Humanities |
| level | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> bachelor's <input type="checkbox"/> master's <input type="checkbox"/> PhD |
| name study programme | English Language and Culture |

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| destination city & country | Adelaide, Australia |
| how did you travel to your destination? | By plane from Amsterdam via Munich, Bangkok to Melbourne and then took the bus to Adelaide (13 hours). I chose to take the bus because I wanted to see some of the landscapes. On the way home I spend some days in Perth and flew via Kuala Lumpur and Istanbul to Amsterdam. |
| name university abroad | Flinders University |
| start date | 21 / 07 / 2023 (dd/mm/yyyy) |
| end date | 05 / 11 / 2023 (dd/mm/yyyy) |

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| PREPARATION | |
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| exchange application process | The application process was quite easy. Luckily I had an Cambridge English Language certificate that was still valid. As long as you don't leave it to the last week you should be able to get everything together and have plenty of time if they ask you for more documents. |
| counselling & support at Utrecht University | The information sessions were very useful to give you an idea how the application process works, as well as what is expected of you when you return home to finish the exchange and receive your credits you worked for abroad. |
| academic preparation | I did not do any academic preparation as I was already doing a full time major in English and most of the courses I took at Flinders built on the knowledge I obtained during my first two years. |
| language preparation | I did not do any language preparation, at Flinders I picked up some Aussie slang though which was usefull because Australians use it a lot. |
| finances | I sublet my room so I did not have double cost for housing; I rented a room on campus which is pricier but was worth it in my opinion because I had lovely housemates and lived close to uni; I am fortunate enough to arrange my finances between my parents and DUO aanvullende beurs, so that I did not have to loan with interest. |



STUDY ABROAD PERIOD

study programme (content and organisational issues)

The study program was quite easy to navigate. I ended up taking two different courses than originally planned because there were no spots left, with approval from the exam commission. The content of the courses I took were accurate to the course descriptions. The things I had to get used to most is that they take 4 courses at



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| once for a semester, while we take 2 courses per block. But because there were more weeks there were less hours per week, so overall I was still in class less than at Utrecht. |
| academic quality of education activities |
| The academic quality is good. The professors are experts in their fields and are open to discussion and questions. |
| counselling & support at receiving university abroad |
| I did not reach out for either counselling or support at Flinders but on the introduction days it was clearly communicated that if you need either how to contact them or where to find them. |
| transfer of credits |
| The amount of credits per course were the same as here, so that did not require much thought and was no trouble. |

| STUDENT LIFE |
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| welcome & orientation programme |
| The orientation program lasts multiple days and there are 'markets' of all the student clubs. Student clubs are more prevalent than student associations. And many clubs have activities that are open to non-members. |
| accommodation |
| I lived in a shared apartment on campus. I was one of 5 in the apartment and it was pretty big compared to most student rooms in Utrecht (or at least to mine which is 11m ²). You have your own cleaning schedule and there is a staff member who checks every week if things are being kept up with. You can do your laundry for free (washing and drying) and there is the option to buy a mealplan (which I didn't do because there is a kitchen in the apartment). |
| leisure & culture |
| Public transport in Adelaide is cheap! I think I spend total of 40AUD in the four months I was there. Adelaide is a coastal city, so there are plenty of nice beaches. The closest shopping center is Marion which has an Aldi (bless) and two other supermarkets as well as all kinds of different shops, cinema, foodchains, pharmacy, banks, and a postal office. |
| suggestions/tips |
| Brighton Beach is very pretty peaceful and not as busy as Glenelg while also having food and drink options. Adelaide's botanic gardens are just a short walk from the central station and a beautiful place to spend the afternoon. |

| CONCLUSIONS |
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| would you recommend this university/destination abroad to others? please explain |
| Yes! I had an amazing time! I joined the Evangelical Students club where I ended up making most of my friends (I am still in contact with a couple of them). I went in the first semester which for them is winter/the start of fall and the weather was great! Most days were sunny and after a week or two I could even lose my coat already! The people are very kind and the city and its nature are beautiful. |
| do you have any additional advice or comments? |
| My advice is to start on the application process on time, do some research into the city and what you want to see, join a student club since there are so few contact hours at uni it makes it easier to make friends. |



2017-2018

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| name study programme | History |

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| destination city & country | Adelaide , Australia |
| name university abroad | Flinders University |
| start date | 12 / 07 / 2017 (dd/mm/yyyy) |
| end date | 15 / 11 / 2017 (dd/mm/yyyy) |

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| PREPARATION | |
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| exchange application process | The application process went swift and without any problems. Both Utrecht University and Flinders University were responsive via mail, and if I had any questions they were answered quickly. |
| unselling & support at Utrecht University | Since support at UU mostly focuses on a semester starting in september, and already started in July, most support meetings were not of much worth to me since i had already taken many of the things they explained there (such as a visa etc.) |
| ademic preparation | The academic level at Flinders University was not as high as in Utrecht. I was able to reach high grades without doing as much effort as I would have to do to attain the same grades in Utrecht. |
| nguage preparation | Although the Australian accent was sometimes a bit hard to understand, after a few weeks i'd gotten used to it. Academic English preparation was also sufficient. |
| finances | Depends on where you choose to live, and what other activities you choose to do. I lived on campus, which was quite expensive. Cheaper options are available though. Regular expenses such as groceries etc. are a bit more expensive than in the Netherlands, although I managed fairly easily with the amount I'd normally spend in the Netherlands |

| STUDY ABROAD PERIOD | |
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| study programme (content and organisational issues) | Very interesting courses. I chose some topics that introduced me to the Indigenous Peoples of Australia, and we did some very interesting activities such as field trips. I'd advise not to choose topics that focus on European history, since European uni's just have more expertise on that. I didn't follow such a course myself, but from what i heard and saw from others they are rather basic (for Europeans). Obviously, the expertise on Australian and British (colonial) history and Aboriginal Culture was amazing. |



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| academic quality of education activities |
| As mentioned before, academic level lower than in Utrecht. |
| advising & support at receiving university abroad |
| The support at Flinders was outstanding. Any questions were answered quickly, and the support staff was always available and willing to help. |
| transfer of credits |
| Went without any problems. Flinders sent my transcript to UU quickly. |

STUDENT LIFE

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| welcome & orientation programme |
| Probably the best way to get to meet other students. They put all the study abroad students together to get to know each other. In this way i met most people. The orientation week was not that much, probably because i started in the middle of the year. If you start in January/February, it's probably much larger. |
| accommodation |
| I lived on campus, which was a nice environment. Although it was quite expensive, it was close to Uni, and they organised multiple nice events to meet all the campus residents. There are also nice living options outside of campus near uni.. Adelaide's climate is also very nice. I only needed a summer jacket, but don't forget to bring a warm sweater. Since the Uni/Campus is in the hills, there is enough wildlife such as koalas and possums wandering around campus. |
| leisure & culture |
| A lot of things to do in and outside of Adelaide. The Uni also organises several trips that are definitely worth attending. Mind that campus/uni is 40/45 minutes away from the city centre by bus. Public transport is very cheap in adelaide though. I also really liked the Australian culture: very friendly and laid back people that are always willing to help. I've also travelled to Melbourne, Sydney, and have done a road trip along the rest of the east coast. Beautiful to do, and you can make it as cheap or expensive as you want. Domestic flights can be cheap, and Australia has an amazing hostel culture! |
| suggestions/tips |
| Definitely attend the study abroad meetings. It's the best way to meet students who are in the same situation. Very easy way to get to know people quickly. It's also convenient to open an Australian bank account (which is free) so you don't have to pay fees, which you'll probably have to do if you pay with a Dutch card. Transfer money between NL and AU easily via transferwise. |

CONCLUSIONS

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| could you recommend this university/destination abroad to others? please explain |
| I would definitely recommend this university. I've had a very good time, also because I didn't need to spend too much time studying I had a lot of time left to do fun activities. Still, I followed some very interesting courses that I could only have followed in Australia. These courses introduced me to Aboriginal people and their cultures. Being someone from Europe I realised how little we know of this and the incredible expertise Flinders University had with regards to Aboriginal Studies. Also built some very valuable friendships with people from all over the world, including Australia itself. |
| do you have any additional advice or comments? |
| Don't save on sunscreen ;) |

