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# 2023-2024

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## Report 1

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| faculty/college      | Humanities                      |
| level                | Bachelors                       |
| name study programme | Politics, Philosophy, Economics |

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| destination city & country              | Melbourne, Australia        |
| how did you travel to your destination? | Airplane, stopover in India |
| name university abroad                  | La Trobe University         |
| start date                              | 31 / 07 / 2023 (dd/mm/yyyy) |
| end date                                | 31/ 11/ 2023 (dd/mm/yyyy)   |

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| <b>PREPARATION</b>  |
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| exchange application process  |
| I found the application process fairly easy. There was a lot of deadlines to follow and paperwork to fill out, however it was all quite straight forward to complete.         |
| counselling & support at Utrecht University   |
| Staff at the international office were really helpful, there was times were quite urgent questions or need for required signatures came out, all were handled really quickly. |
| academic preparation  |
| Sending in previous grades and transcripts was sufficient. No other submissions or preparations were necessary.   |
| language preparation  |
| Studying a bachelor in English was sufficient in terms of language requirements.  |
| finances  |

There was no Erasmus financing as it is an out of EU destination. Thus, I relied on scholarship grants from my home country, as well as savings.



| <b>STUDY ABROAD PERIOD</b>                           |  |
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| study programme (content and organisational issues)  | I took 4 courses: politics of aboriginal Australia, globalisation and development, politics of the modern middle east and an introduction to peace and conflict studies. I enrolled previously to my departure, got all courses approved through UU and then just enrolled in person when I got to LaTrobe which was a fairly easy process. My courses took place only on two days a week - as most lectures here are recorded previously online which was quite surprising to me. |
| academic quality of education activities             | The teachers were super nice and the course were well structured and organised. However, the academic load was a bit easier than in my course in the Netherlands, as I didn't have to write any exams and the assignments were less challenging as well. (I took 4 courses: politics of aboriginal Australia, globalisation and development, politics of the modern middle east and an introduction to peace and conflict studies).  |
| counselling & support at receiving university abroad | The support offered at LTU was super well organised. In the first days there was a special help desk set up at the library, where students helped with things like enrolment. The permanent Helpdesk was also super helpful in any issue that came up, also responding quickly via phone or email. Moreover, there was also counselling services available for all students (also on exchange), focusing on mental health help.  |
| transfer of credits                                  | The transfer of credits was super easy. All grades were transferred to UU, although they were registered as pass or fail.  |

| <b>STUDENT LIFE</b>             |   |
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| welcome & orientation programme | I remember expecting more from the orientation program and finding it a bit sparse. However, it was said that the big orientation takes place before semester 1 (in January) and is rather smaller in semester 2 (July). There was still some events organised and it was a great opportunity to meet people. I would say that was the place where most internationals met that then formed greater groups and stayed in touch. |
| accommodation                   |   |

Latrobe campus in Bundoora has 4 different student buildings, that each have a bit of a different vibe. I stayed in Menzies College, which had a lot of Australian younger students and some internationals. On my hallway there was about 40 other students living, sharing 3 bathrooms and a kitchen. My floor was quite relaxed, whereas others were very busy and loud at times. It was still a super nice way to get to meet especially Aussie students and get to know the Australian student life better. The other buildings, are partly more modern and have bigger spaces, however are also more expensive. Overall, it is a great possibility to make friends and socialise outside of uni.

leisure & culture



Melbourne is a great city and there is lots and lots to do. Although, Bundoora is about an hour (by public transport) out of the CBD most students travel to the centre frequently. The city offers so many great food places, culture activities but also trips to surrounding areas like the beaches are great. There is also lots of regular nightlife (most students living on res go together to the same places on specific days of the week).

suggestions/tips

I would say to definite make sure to be involved events on campus, there is usually lots of free food and cultural events organised which is pretty cool. The uni also has lots of clubs, like the surf club that organises trips every now and then, which is an amazing opportunity to travel a bit and meet new people and just have fun.

**CONCLUSIONS**

would you recommend this university/destination abroad to others? please explain

I would definitely recommend exchange at Latrobe University. It was a very fun and social experience for me, which gave me the chance to experience so many new things and meet wonderful people from all over the globe.

do you have any additional advice or comments?

I would say to be prepared for any weather - it does get quite cold in Melbourne sometimes, and weather can change quickly. Moreover, I would say to not be scared of expensive life, although it is said to be overly expensive, overall, I didn't find it more expensive than life in the Netherlands (also with inflation).

If you have any questions, eel free to contact me on the given E-Mail :))

**Report 2**

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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 | PPE   |

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|---|-----------------------------|
| destination city & country              | Melbourne, Australia        |
| how did you travel to your destination? | Plane                       |
| name university abroad                  | LaTrobe University          |
| start date                              | 04 / 08 / 2023 (dd/mm/yyyy) |
| end date                                | 17 / 11 / 2023 (dd/mm/yyyy) |

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| <b>PREPARATION</b>                          |  |
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| exchange application process                | The process of picking where to go on exchange was difficult due to there being so many great options, but overall the actual application was easy enough.   |
| counselling & support at Utrecht University | From what I can remember, anything I needed clarification on or help with in the application and preparation process was addressed in a simple and timely matter.  |
| academic preparation                        | I made sure that I read and understood the course descriptions and introductory emails from all my professors at Latrobe Uni before the first week of classes, but they did not request any specific academic preparation. For every course week 1 started at the most basic and introductory point. |
| language preparation                        | None, Australia is an English speaking country.  |
| finances                                    | It was necessary to prove a certain level of financial security when applying for my Visa  |

| <b>STUDY ABROAD PERIOD</b>                           |   |
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| study programme (content and organisational issues)  | The courses I took fit into my PPE studies perfectly, but were mostly courses not offered here in Utrecht. The courses were organized well, similar to UU so it didn't take much adjusting. |
| academic quality of education activities             | It varies for each course but overall I think the quality was a bit worse than what I'm used to from PPE here in Utrecht.   |
| counselling & support at receiving university abroad | I didn't need any support from the University while there so I can't speak to the quality of it.  |
| transfer of credits                                  |   |

You'll need to take 4 courses at a time instead of 2 to ensure enough credits but they're less intense and frequent, so it's manageable.

| <b>STUDENT LIFE</b>             |   |
|---------------------------------|---|
| welcome & orientation programme | I miss the welcome days.  |
| accommodation                   | The dorms at LaTrobe aren't awful, it's nice to live on the campus which has many cafes and food places. It also has a lovely little canal and grassy area where I spent a lot of time soaking in the sun and watching the ducklings. |
| leisure & culture               |   |



**Australia – Melbourne – LaTrobe University**

Around the campus there is not too many amazing things to do, but a tram ride into the city provides you with all the bars, and other fun things that Melbourne has to offer. The National Gallery of Victoria for example is a great art museum, and its free too.

suggestions/tips

Don't forget how big Australia is, manage expectation on how much traveling you can do while you're there (take time and money into account).

Don't be scared of running into too many snakes or spiders, if you're living in the city (or even the suburbs) it's not bad. The rumors aren't true about it being a scary place.

**CONCLUSIONS**

would you recommend this university/destination abroad to others? please explain

I would recommend LaTrobe, the campus is great. Melbourne is a pretty unique city so I can't say I'd recommend it for everyone but for people that like street art, dive bars and long tram rides it's great.

do you have any additional advice or comments?

no