



## UU Study Abroad Report Form

Every student going abroad is expected to submit a report, as stated in the conditions of the Exchange application which you agreed to in Osiris. Please send it as an e-mail attachment to [international.geo@uu.nl](mailto:international.geo@uu.nl). State your destination country (e.g. *Costa Rica*) as subject. The deadline to return this report is **March 1<sup>st</sup>** for 1<sup>st</sup> semester and **July 1** for 2<sup>nd</sup> semester students, even if you are still abroad at that time!

Your report will be **published** (anonymously!) on the [UU study abroad destinations webpage](#) to inform GEO students preparing an exchange or research period abroad. Not all of them are Dutch-speaking, therefore we prefer to receive reports **written in English**.

**Thank you in advance!**

Text boxes will expand automatically while typing. Please use Tab to go to the next (text) box.

family name*	
first name*	
student number*	
permission to publish contact details**	<i>optional; only if you allow students preparing for study abroad to contact you (directly)</i>
	I give the International Office permission to forward my contact information to individual students interested in my host university abroad: my e-mail address <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: my weblog <input type="checkbox"/> yes: my Facebook account <input type="checkbox"/> yes: other (social) media <input type="checkbox"/> yes:
See end note for * and **	*Your contact details will only be accessible by staff of the International Office and will be deleted after 3 years.
faculty/college	Geosciences
level	<input type="checkbox"/> bachelor's <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> master's
name study programme	Sustainable Business and Innovation

destination city & country	Melbourne, Australia
name university abroad	RMIT
start date	18 / 07 / 2022 (dd/mm/yyyy)
end date	01 / 11 / 2022 (dd/mm/yyyy)

You are requested to write on the following topics. Text boxes will expand automatically while typing!

PREPARATION	
exchange application process	This process is alright. Just start in time. The application process requires a lot of documents, since you have to ask for permission for your courses a lot, but it all makes sense.
counselling & support at Utrecht University	Support of the international offices is very good. If you have questions, just throw them an E-mail, and they will respond very quickly.
academic preparation	



All good, the level in Australia is comparable, if not easier, than in Utrecht.
language preparation
Everyone speaks English so you should be good. Improved my English even more which is great.
finances
Australia is an amazing country and Melbourne is an awesome city, but keep in mind that it is also very expensive. Accommodation I paid 300 dollars a week for, which is around 200 euros a week. However, there is heaps of parttime jobs you can get that pay very well, which evens it out a little bit.

<b>STUDY ABROAD PERIOD</b>
study programme (content and organisational issues)
The amount of work you have to do for your courses was lower for me in Melbourne compared to Utrecht. The content was interesting, and it gave me new ways of looking at some issues that I had already discussed here in Utrecht.
academic quality of education activities
The quality is good, but the courses I followed only had one activity a week, which is not a lot. The teachers are less formal compared to here in Utrecht, which results in you actually being able to have a friendly relationship with your teacher rather than a very formal one.
counselling & support at receiving university abroad
The support at RMIT is amazing, and the university focusses on inclusivity. If you need help for anything, they will be there for you.
transfer of credits
Don't bother trying to hard, since Utrecht University will only transfer your grades you get in Australia to a pass or a fail.

<b>STUDENT LIFE</b>
welcome & orientation programme
The welcome at RMIT was very bad. They had only arranged a 2 hour introduction presentation, and after that the whole introduction week was free. You had to arrange your own meetings and try to make friends on your own. Other universities, such as Monash had a whole week full of fun activities.
accommodation
Hard to find, and expensive. They don't really have student housing as we are used to here in the Netherlands. However, eventually you will find something, and there are lots of companies renting out rooms and studios such as Scape and Unilodge.
leisure & culture
Melbourne is a very diverse city, which I really liked. The culture is welcoming towards everybody. There is so much to do in your free time. The international student culture is nice, you will get to know so much people. If you like partying, there is a lot to do like going to Workers Club on Monday and meeting only students there. You will make friends very easily, since everybody is trying to make the best out of their exchange time. If possible, don't live in an outer suburb, since you will miss a lot of activities. Melbourne is huge, and it can take a long time to get to the city centre. Overall, good times and good vibes in Melbourne!
suggestions/tips
Join a club at the university! There are countless clubs. I joined the surfclub and the soccer club. But there are even chess clubs or game clubs. Good way to get to know people. To party with Aussies go to Chapel Street.



## CONCLUSIONS

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

Would recommend a 100%, city is awesome, country is beautiful, clubs are good and people are nice.

do you have any additional advice or comments?

Just do it.

**NOTE:** Please **upload in Word (.docx)** so we can delete your **\*personal details** for publication on the website for future UU exchange students. **\*\*Contact details** will only be included if and where permission has been given.