



# 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. Colombia) as subject. The deadline to return this report is **February 1, 2020**, even if you are still abroad at that time!

Your report will be made available to UU students preparing an exchange, placement or research period abroad. We will take out your name and student number. 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	
faculty/college	Geosciences
level	<input type="checkbox"/> bachelor's <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> master's
name study programme	Energy Science

destination city & country	Melbourne, Australia
name university abroad	RMIT University
start date	22/ 07/ 2019 (dd/mm/yyyy)
end date	15/ 11/ 2019 (dd/mm/yyyy)

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

<b>PREPARATION</b>	
exchange application process	My exchange process went pretty smooth. RMIT and UU arrange most things for you and are both very helpful in answering your questions. A few things to keep in mind during your exchange process: Requirements for Master courses are higher than for Bachelor courses. Your courses abroad must be linked to your programme but cannot overlap. Further, don't forget the semester 1 in NL is semester 2 in Australia and vice versa.
counselling & support at Utrecht University	The international office of the UU is quick with answering your questions and supports you with enough information about your exchange.
academic preparation	The academic level of Dutch Universities is in general higher than in Australia, so no extra academic preparation is necessary.
language preparation	A language test was not required for me at RMIT, since my Master is in English. So no extra preparation is necessary if your English is sufficient for you studies in the Netherlands.
finances	I was not eligible for any scholarships, so I had to pay for everything by myself. I didn't have to pay any study fees to RMIT other than the 'normal' UU fees since I was in an exchange program. Keep in mind that you have to pay for your visa and health insurance though.



STUDY ABROAD PERIOD
study programme (content and organisational issues)
<p>I did four courses at RMIT (30 ECS):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Photovoltaic Systems</li><li>- Electrical Energy Storage Systems</li><li>- Engineering Sustainability in Aviation</li><li>- Aerodynamics and Flight Performance</li></ul> <p>The first two courses were directly related to my master of Energy Science. The latter two are origination from Aerospace Engineering which gave me useful insights, knowledge and skills in its overlapping field with Energy Science.</p>
academic quality of education activities
<p>The academic quality of education activities is almost as good as in the Netherlands. Most professors I had were pretty good. The emphasis of the courses at RMIT is more on assignments than on exams if you compare it with the Netherlands.</p>
counselling & support at receiving university abroad
<p>RMIT has a lot of different confidants were you can go with any problem that occurs during your exchange. Further, RMIT provides you with lots of information about the university, Melbourne and Australia before and during your exchange. RMIT organises several trips and tours every week as well.</p>
transfer of credits
<p>I received a transcript with my courses and grades a few weeks after my last exam, which I could directly send to the International Office of the UU.</p>

STUDENT LIFE
welcome & orientation programme
<p>I attended the late orientation session because I couldn't make it for the normal orientation. The late orientation session gave me a brief introduction about everything related to your studies including health cover, timetables, etc. I met some nice people over there who became good friends as well.</p>
accommodation
<p>I stayed in a nice, spacious student house with nine other internationals in Brunswick which is a suburb just outside the city centre. It took me about 15 minutes to go to university by bicycle or tram. You can email me if you want more info or contact details of the house lord: t.j.vandermaas@students.uu.nl.</p>
leisure & culture
<p>Melbourne is a great city to live. The city is very vibrant with loads of restaurants, bars and clubs. There are nice parks and beaches as well to chill when the weather is good (can be very unpredictable).</p>
suggestions/tips

CONCLUSIONS
would you recommend this university/destination abroad to others? please explain
<p>I would really recommend an exchange in Melbourne since the city is so vibrant. There is so much to do and see in and around Melbourne including national parks, surfing, winter sports. During weekends or in the mid-</p>



semester break you can even go to Sydney or other places Australia . Further, the stereotype is true, Aussies are very relaxed and laid-back which makes your life way more chill as well. The best thing of all is that your studies finish in November already which give you the opportunity to skip the Dutch autumn/ winter and travel in Australia, NZL and/or Asia for 2-3 months afterwards.

do you have any additional advice or comments?

Can students contact you for additional info and do you give us permission to put this in the student reports on our website? If yes, please write down how they can get in touch with you (e-mail, Facebook, Instagram etc)

Yes, contact me via [international.geo@uu.nl](mailto:international.geo@uu.nl)

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