



Exchange report – Edinburgh Napier University

This is my exchange report about my stay in Edinburgh, for future students who wants to go study abroad.

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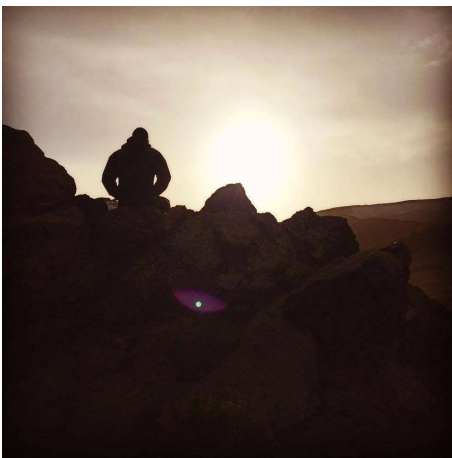
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Introduction

This is a report about my exchange program in Edinburgh, Scotland. I chose to study abroad because I wanted a new challenge and get the chance to live in another country, because I am a student on the Danish line.

I had high Expectation for my exchange program, because I felt that studying on a university abroad would be a big challenge for me, but it turned out not to be the case at all. In general the school really didn't live up to my exactions, but Edinburgh was a really lovely city and I enjoyed being in Scotland very much.



Professional experiences

I had free modules I studied on Napier University, Architectural technology, Construction management and construction cost procedures but there are many other modules you can choose from if you are planning on going to Edinburgh Napier University to study.

In my opinion all the courses I was studying on Napier were really on a low level, so it shouldn't be hard passing any of the courses you choose, especially if you go abroad on 5 semester because the modules you are studying are the same whether you choose to go abroad on the 5th or third.

Architectural Technology

Is basically where you are doing a project about a Kindergarten on a real matriculation in Edinburgh, you don't really have an exam in this course you have three evaluations where you will present the different stages you have made on the project and you will get marks for each evaluation.

The first evaluation is where you have to present what you have analyzed on a existing kindergarten, this is pretty easy so don't worry I used 2 hours on it and got a B.

The second evaluation is where you present you design of your kindergarten.

The third stage is where you present you technical drawings of the kindergarten, don't worry you have a lot of time finishing these three steps.

Construction Management

Is about management, the theories about management and so on. It is really a heavy and a bit boring module because I didn't really felt it was very relevant. The teaching methods is a lecture once a week where you just sit and listen and take notes.

You have to hand in a coursework of about 20 pages that counts for 40% of the module, and the final exam is written exam.

Construction Cost procedures

Was my favorite module not because it was difficult at all, but I felt it was the most relevant module I was studying compared to the education back home. Also the teacher in this module is really good, he is a very good lecture but there are not many lectures in this course only once every second week.

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I felt we had a lot of time to see the city, there wasn't many hours of lectures in school so most of it was self-studying. In my opinion my expectations wasn't really met by the school, I thought the level



was lower than back home, and I didn't really thought the modules I was studying was relevant compared the education at KEA.

Cultural experiences

Despite I wasn't satisfied with the school, my cultural experiences was met, Edinburgh is a really nice city and Scotland in general is really I fantastic and beautiful country. I would recommend to everyone who are going to Edinburgh, rent a car and just travel around the country for a week or two, there should be plenty of time to enjoy the country.

Practical experiences

I traveled to the country by plane, is really cheap to by a plane ticket to Edinburgh and it is a short flight from Denmark.

I started out living in a hostel for the first week we got to Edinburgh with one of my classmates, because we hadn't found an apartment or a dorm.

We used gumtree to find a place to live, it can be a bit tricky because you are only studying abroad for about four month, but most of the landlords only wants to rent out an apart for a minimum of 6 month.

Luckily we found a big apartment in Newington witch is a very nice part of the city, 30 minutes of walk to the school and 10 min walk to old town where all the bars if you want to go out is.



Conclusion

In conclusion the experience with going on exchange was really good, and even the academic level at the school wasn't what I was hoping for, I would still recommend everyone to go out on exchange. It is a really great experience to live in another country and learn from new cultures and Scotland and Edinburgh is a great place to live.

