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I was on exchange in 3 semester, the reason behind my decision on going in 3 was that I hoped that it could help me choose which direction I wanted to take my education. I choose Edinburgh because it was native English and because I imagined that the school would be good.

School:

I had three different subjects two of them were quite focused on a theoretical aspect, whereas the last were more visual methods. I was at school between 6 and 9 hours a week.



Construction Cost Procedures:

Was a subject that was supposed to teach us about what kind of different expenses that could be in a construction scenario, and learn how to calculate a square meter price of a construction element. The class included an assignment, which was to be handed in after approximately 3 months and a hand written exam in the end.

Construction Management:

Was primarily about the History of management, and the different theories developed throughout history. Most of the theories were with examples aimed at the construction industry. This subject was terminated in a hand written exam as well with a written report after 3 months.

Architectural Technology:

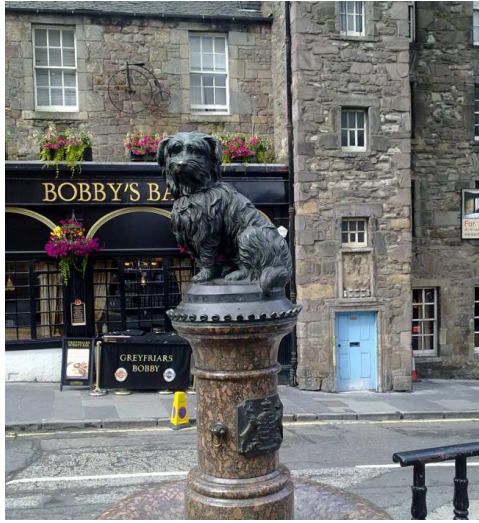
This subject we got the assignment to design and vaguely construct a kindergarten, divided in three sub categories introduction to kindergarten (we had to do a presentation on a kindergarten design), design (we had to come up with a design for our kindergarten) construct (we had to apply structure to our design). After each part we had an oral presentation, they were all graded and assembled in one grade – the final result of your grade for that class.

General about the school and teaching system:

I am defiantly not happy about the teaching system, the first two mentioned subjects were teacher talking in an auditorium, and after class everybody left without social interaction. The first subject was fairly interesting but not important to my education and i didn't learn a lot. The second subject was exclusively theory about management slightly connected to construction, again very irrelevant for my education. The last subject was more similar to what i was used to from home, however they only use AutoCAD which means that the tasks being set takes no time to do in Revit, and seem as very low level. Furthermore the teachers ask you to be creative in designing your building but you might get a low grade because they think that your idea is too hard to build.

Culture and Daily life

Scottish people are extremely friendly and you will always be met with a



smile, however I didn't get to talk to that many from school, because of the system. With a max of three days of school a week there is plenty of time to see the city and maybe go to one of their wonderful pubs, which is worth a visit, though most bars close at one so you can't go out like you are used to from Denmark and if you buy too much

alcohol or look a little drunk you will be thrown out or denied buying alcohol. I lived in an apartment shared with two other boys. A little expensive, but you can get fairly good prices (don't get housing from the dorms they are crazy expensive). I spent a lot of time in the gym and having a good time with my roommates. I mainly made my own food (food is a lot cheaper than in Denmark, and so is shopping in general). Edinburgh is an extremely beautiful city with loads of beautiful buildings and sights like this little dog. I was so lucky that I got time to go to the highlands, which by far was the highlight of my trip.



Isle of Skye

It is quite easy to get to Edinburgh; you can simply go there by plane, and the ticket prices are quite cheap if you buy them well before.

I would recommend a future exchange student to go to Edinburgh, but do not expect to be Einstein when you come home. The level of the education is very different than at KEA. Scotland is a magnificent country and people are very helpful.