

## Questionnaire Study Abroad/Exchange

1. Where and when did you study abroad?
  - a Spring semester of 2018 at Deakin University, Melbourne, Australia
  
2. What KEA program did you attend at the time?
  - a Computer Science
  
3. What classes did you take during your semester abroad?  
Please briefly explain what each class was about.
  - a Game Fundamentals: Fundamentals of game design and development. Basic game making in the Unreal Engine.
  - b Cloud Computing and Virtualisation: Covered general cloud architecture design.
  - c Algorithms and Computing Systems: Introduction to algorithms. Some light Python programming.
  - d Real World Practices for Cyber Security: Covered different aspects of cyber security. Included some ethical hacking.

## Academic Experience

1. How helpful was the *receiving school* in the process of choosing classes and settling you in?
  - a I did not get any help with choosing classes and was not aware of the unit codes having anything to do with the level of a given unit (class)
  - b I did not get any help finding accommodation, but know it is pretty easy to find somewhere to live on campus.
  
2. What classes/study experiences did you find the most rewarding? Why?

- a Game Fundamentals: Was more fun than I expected and had the only professor that both seemed excited about the subject matter and happy about teaching.
3. What classes/study experiences did you find least relevant or least valuable to you? Why?
- a Cloud Computing: The lectures were boring, the material not as useful as I thought it would be and the practicals (workshops) were almost useless. You just followed a step by step guide that told you were to click on a screen.
4. What classes would you advice other KEA students going to the receiving school to choose or not to choose?
- a Game Fundamentals: Good fun.
  - b Maybe Cyber Security, though the subject matter covered is pretty thin.

### **Cultural/Personal Experience**

1. What challenges did you experience culturally while being abroad?
- a Students in Australia are generally younger than in Denmark and at the same time not many students hang back after lectures to get to know each other.
  - b How helpful was the receiving school in this process
  - c There are various student groups and clubs centered around stuff like ethical hacking, software engineering, religion, writing, sports etc. Using these is a chance to meet people under more relaxed circumstances.
2. What was the best cultural/personal experience during your studies abroad?
- a I joined a local Anglican Church, where I got to meet some amazing people. I went on a month-long road trip

of around 10.000 km, where I got to see a small part of the country. It's pretty big.

3. What advice would you give other KEA students going to study abroad at the receiving school?
  - a. Join clubs on campus. I can recommend the Christian Union as particularly welcoming, as well as the Software Engineering Club.

## **Practical Experience**

1. How was the application process?
  - a. What did KEA help you with?
    - i. They told me about their partner schools.
  - b. What help did you receive from your school abroad.
    - i. Not anything really. I could have used some more information about stuff like requirements and the levels of different classes.
2. Did you have any practical difficulties settling down in at your destination?
  - a. Not really. Living in Melbourne is very similar to living in Copenhagen, but with friendlier people and better beaches.
3. Where did you live?
  - a. I lived in a rooming house in Burnley, about 45 minutes from campus by tram or bike, shared with around 8 other people
  - b. Was it difficult to find accommodation?
    - i. We found the place two days after we arrived. Trying to find anything, apart from on campus accommodation, before arriving in Melbourne is a waste of time. Don't do it.
  - c. Was it expensive?

- i Yes. The room we rented was 320 AUD per week. Cheaper options can be found, but it is hard to find leases shorter than 12 months outside of rooming houses and share houses.
- 4. What kind of expenses did you have in general?
  - a. Rent, food, phone and travel insurance. Melbourne is a restaurant city with heaps of excellent places to eat, so expect to use a lot of money on dining out. Phone bills are generally more expensive than home, the same is true for internet. An unexpected cost for me was the ~1000 AUD it cost to apply for a student visa.
  - b. Did you spend more or less money than you budgeted with?
    - i I spent more, but a lot of this was due to the road trip.