



Questionnaire Study Abroad/Exchange

Where and when did you study abroad?

I studied abroad in Canada during the fall semester of 2018.

What KEA program did you attend at the time?

Back in Denmark, I was in my third semester of the Multimedia Designer program.

What classes did you take during your semester abroad?

In Canada, I took the following classes:

- Web Design and Development: Your average programming class. The class focuses mainly on HTML5 and CSS, and is a good class to take if you need to brush up on your programming skills from previous semesters. Teaches you additional information about website standards regarding colors and accessibility for disabled people.
- Digital Media and Society: A class on critical analysis and how communicative process has evolved over the past 200 years.
- Social Media: A class on SoMe. In our class, we spent a large majority working on a case study for the Town of Caledon, Ontario.
- Writing and Research for new Media: A writing class revolving around writing content for media.
- Visual Communications: A class on symbolism in images.

Academic Experience

How helpful was the receiving school in the process of choosing classes and settling you in?

Humber was extremely helpful during the entire application process. They are very clear about the deadlines leading up to the exchange semester, and I was in direct contact with a representative from Humber while figuring out my learning agreement. Humber enrolls you into the classes. Another tool which was really helpful was that the school gives you access to a messaging app which you can use to ask questions regarding housing and moving in before the start of the semester.

What classes/study experiences did you find the most rewarding? Why?

The most rewarding class I took was Social Media 1. Social media is structured a lot like the project-oriented work like we do back at KEA, which gave the class a very familiar feeling. It was also one of the few classes that did not require a large amount of writing, and I got to get my hands on a lot of practical work. Because of this, I would say this class is beneficial to take for an MMD student going to Humber specifically.

What classes/study experiences did you find least relevant or least valuable to you? Why?

In my personal experience, the class on Digital Media and Society was the least relevant class to me. While it proposed a lot of interesting theoretical work, it is too deeply rooted in canadian culture to be beneficial for when it comes to applying the theories into a danish context.

What classes would you advice other KEA students going to the receiving school to choose or not to choose?

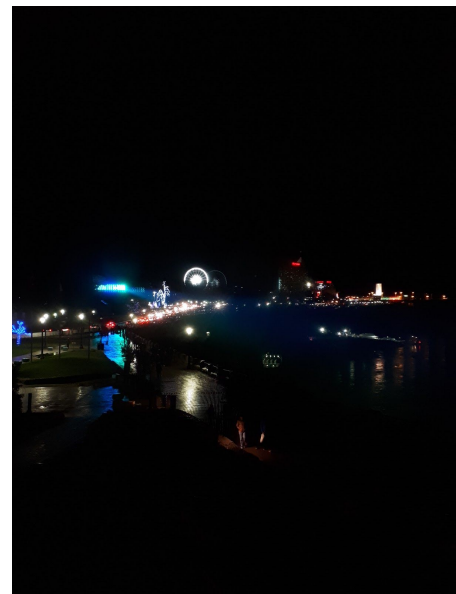
I would advice taking a few more technical classes if they are available, especially if you can find some pertaining to UX and JavaScript, since the amount of classes where skills in graphic design are required are limited.

Cultural/Personal Experience

What challenges did you experience culturally while being abroad?

Canada is a lot like Denmark in most aspects, and because of this, i did not experience too many cultural boundaries when arriving here. Most people are very talkative and welcoming, which can sometimes be a little awkward during the first few weeks there. As it is an English-speaking country, fluency in English is very important, but you won't get chastised for having an accent.

a. How helpful was the receiving school in this process?



Humber hosts a lot of events to integrate international students into Canadian society, which also help meet students from other countries. This was really helpful during the initial phase of gaining my bearings in Canada.

What was the best cultural/personal experience during your studies abroad?

I got to experience a lot of very personal Canadian culture because of the acquaintances I made during my stay here. One of the most noteworthy things for me personally was experiencing Canadian Thanksgiving. It's a holiday which like American Thanksgiving is unique to the country, and it's a neat experience to participate in if you want to experience Canadian Culture.

What advice would you give other KEA students going to study abroad at the receiving school?

My advice would be to participate at any events Humber provides and seeking out experiences of your own. I spent a great deal of my free-time seeking out different entertainment and cultural experiences which really elevated my integration and engagement into Canadian culture. For me this included going to events such as the annual Nuit Blanche in Downtown Toronto, Niagara by the Lakes, as well as the Canadian National Exhibition.

Practical Experience

How was the application process?

What did KEA help you with?

KEA was incredibly helpful with helping me get everything settled when it came to the first steps of applying. I was during my application in correspondence with the international coordinator, and if I had any questions, they could answer them for me. This was really helpful because despite having years of experience in speaking and reading English, there are still some phrases that can make it difficult to understand what criteria is expected when going abroad.

b. What help did you receive from your school abroad?

Humber helped with the later parts of the application process. They helped me figure out classes and got me enrolled into them.

Did you have any practical difficulties settling down in at your destination? How helpful was the receiving school in this process?

I did not. Furthermore, while I did not take Humber up on this specific offer because I already had made plans with acquaintances from Canada, Humber offers a pick-up service when you arrive in Toronto as

long as you let them know in advance.

Where did you live?

I lived at the Lakeshore campus Residence. the rooms are pretty spacious at residence, and I lived in suite accommodations with another person. We shared a bathroom and a kitchenette, which did not have an oven, but had rooms of our own.

Was it difficult to find accommodation?

It was not difficult for me to find accommodation. Once you are accepted into humber, you are given information on how to apply for a room at residence. It is advised to do this early, as there were only 25 available rooms for international students during the semester I was staying at.

Was it expensive?

Staying at Humber's residence cost me around 21 000 DKK, including a meal-plan for the school cafeteria. This option put me close to the facilities of the campus, meaning my furthest class was a 5 minute walk away from my residence.

What kind of expenses did you have in general?

The biggest expense that needs to be addressed is definitely food. There are very few options for grocery stores in the area aside from the convenience store across the residence, which means buying food from anywhere else outside the cantina is a cheaper option, but requires buying larger bulks of food which can last longer.

Another expense i had to deal with was clothing, but this can be avoided if you bring appropriate clothing for the coming seasons, including winter.

Did you spend more or less money than you budgeted with?

I spent more money than what i budgeted with, but a rough monthly estimate would be around 2500 DKK a month for food, clothing and entertainment.