



Study Abroad report

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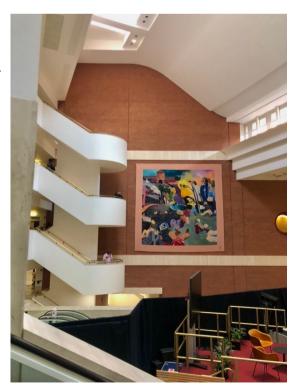
This current report covers my experience in my Study Abroad program at the University of Westminster in the fall of 2022.

I chose to take my 5th semester abroad at the University of Westminster, located in central London. There were several campuses where I could take different modules, but I ended up having all three of my modules at the same campus. The campus was located right next to Baker Street in the Marylebone area. Back in Denmark was I currently studying a PBA in Business Economy and IT at Kea. The Tree modules that I attended were Supply Chain, Operations Management and Digital Business, International Business Law, and Accounting Theory and Practice. Supply Chain, Operations Management, and Digital Business are about how to effectively manage the range of operations functions drawing from the traditional and digital perspectives. International Business Law covers important aspects of the legal framework relevant to the operation of international business. Accounting Theory and Practice teaches you why accounting theory can be used to understand issues such as accounting measurement, accounting information, accounting methods, and capital markets' reaction to accounting information. This module will provide a balanced perspective of financial accounting theory and practice including numerical calculations for group accounts.

Academic Experience

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

In the process of choosing my modules, I only need to download a specific catalog for the module at Westminster Business School, from the school's website. As a Digital student from KEA, this was the only catalog I could choose from. So this process went by very easily and they also gave us a tryout week to try the modules, which was very helpful, since I ended up changing 2 out of 3 of my modules. On the first day of arrival did we also have to check in and enroll,



which was a very easy but time-consuming process since there where many other students also arriving at the school.

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

I found the Accounting Theory and Practice most rewarding because the teacher was good at including everyone in the class and he gave a very professional and prepared impression of the class.

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

I found the module Supply Chain, Operations Management, and Digital Business least valuable because the lectures were online, and in the seminars was the first 5 weeks used playing a Simulations game and writing reports.

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

If you are a 5th-semester student like I was, I advise you to take some modules at level 6 since the level of the classes is corresponding to what we would learn back at KEA. The Supply chain module was at level five and ended up covering some techniques and theories that we have already learned. The International Business Law module was nice to have at level five since it was a topic that I didn't know anything about and we don't have that kind of module at Kea for BEIT students.

Cultural/Personal Experience

What challenges did you experience culturally while being abroad?

I would say that the overall experience went smoothly and there weren't that many challenges culturally that made it harder. A cultural challenge that I experienced was living at the Hall of Residence at Marylebone campus, here was I assigned a 10 square meter small bedroom and a shared kitchen with the rest of the floor. Of course, I knew that the bedroom was going to be small, but in some way did I forget all about this, till I was standing in the doorway. Luckily it didn't take me



long to get settled and comfortable in the new surroundings and both the reception and the hall of residence and the people at school were always helpful to answer my questions.

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

The best cultural experience was meeting other students at the school. Living at the hall of residence at Marylebone campus was fun because you ended up meeting your first friends in the elevator or meeting new people in the kitchen. My closest friends from my half year abroad ended up being my neighbor and a girl from another floor. We spend most of our days together, which was easy to plan since we lived in the same place. At the end of my stay, these friends were really the reason why my stay ended up being so good and lively.



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

My advice for other Kea students who are thinking about studying abroad is to hold on to that feeling and thought. I have always dreamed of this experience and do not regret going at





all. And choosing the university of Westminster I also a good choice. The school is very international and you will meet people from all over the world, not only British people. I would advise other kea students to also take the accommodation that they offer at Marylebone camps, its pricey but very central and worth the rent.

Practical Experience

How was the application process?

The application process went well. The coordinator for exchange introduced the class for the opportunity to study abroad and then I just followed the deadlines for the different applications.

What did KEA help you with?

KEA helped me look at the different schools that would suit me and choose the schools where other students had a good experience as well. The school abroad helped me with choosing the right modules. This was helpful because I ended up switching two modules that I chose a few months ealier.

Did you have any practical difficulties settling down in at your destination?

I was surprised that the room that I was going to rent was with nothing but an empty closed and bet. This meant that I needed to buy a duvet and everything, which I didn't expect. But the school and the people who worked in the receptions at the hall of residence, were really helpful and recommended different shops where I could buy the things that I needed.

Where did you live?

I lived at the hall of residence at the Marylebone campus. This was where convenient because I lived next to the school and didn't have any transportation time to school when I had classes. The school was also located in the middle of London with a 15 min walk down to Oxford Street.

It wasn't difficult to find this place, I simply said yes to accommodation in the application process on the school's website. You could also see quick that the school had distributed these halls for students who are only studying at the school for 1 semester. The rent for a small room in this hall was around 35000 DKK for the whole period from the middle of September to the middle of January, unfortunately, it wasn't possible to end the period earlier and then get cheaper rent. We also needed to pay for the whole period before we arrived.





What kind of expenses did you have in general?

Since I paid the rent before moving in, then the general expenses were mostly food and experiences. Which was really nice.

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

I ended up spending more money than I budgeted because I got to keep my SU from month to month since the rent was paid in advance.