

Incoming Exchange Student Feedback Report 2009-10

Name: Nina

Home Country: Germany

Home University: HS Harz

Dates of exchange: 19.09.09 – 02.04.10

BU Programme: BATM Level I

Please provide a sentence which gives your overall impression of your experience so far:	I am enjoying my time in England and know that I made the right decision to choose Bournemouth University for my time abroad.
What are the top 5 best things about being an exchange student at BU?	The new experience, the great support for International Students, the quality of the course (Tourism Management), the Talbot Campus and the International Student Orientation Programme (ISOP) in the first week!!!
What are the worst things about being an exchange student?	To write a 3000word essay in a foreign language.
How do you think this overseas experience will benefit you in terms of your academic studies?	I think my improved English skills and the experience I made will help me with my study in Germany. And I hope it will be valuable for my CV!
What have you gained personally from the time you have spent in the UK?	I'm sure that my personality has developed during my time abroad. But to review this I have to wait until I go back to Germany.
If you had the chance would you return to the UK?	Of course, I would! Maybe for my Masters or for a Placement!
Would you recommend your experience to other students?	Yes, definitely!!!
What type of accommodation have you been renting and how has this been?	I'm living with a host family and I love my new home! A host family is a great opportunity to learn more about British people and the British way of life.
What have you been doing in your free time?	Travelling, meeting friends, working on my assignments.
What was the shopping like? Was it easy to buy the type of food you liked?	The shopping is a great thing in UK. The supermarkets have a huge offer so that I always found what I want. Only baking a German Cake is a little problem.
Any other comments?	I want to say thank you to Bournemouth University for an amazing time in the UK!

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Name: Stefanie

Home Country: Germany

Home University: Hochschule Harz

Dates of exchange: 19/09/2009 to 02/04/2010

BU Programme: Service School / Tourism Management

ERASMUS exchange

Please provide a sentence which gives your overall impression of your experience so far:	English people are polite, English youth can be weird, English courses are great. I like the English style of studying and living but I definitely miss home
What are the top 5 best things about being an exchange student at BU?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quality of subjects (style of teaching, working together with businesses) • Quiet working places in library/access centre and their opening hours • Opportunities to meet other international students (Global Cafe) • Trips through Great Britain
What are the worst things about being an exchange student?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feeling on the outside while working with British students • Unclear assignment tasks • Group work with only English students
How do you think this overseas experience will benefit you in terms of your academic studies?	A lot because of the way of working with businesses and different, very interesting subjects, not provided in my home university. Benefit from getting used to speaking English.
What have you gained personally from the time you have spent in the UK?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Getting to know new people • Understanding British way of living • Experience of live concerts in BMTH
If you had the chance would you return to the UK?	No. It just doesn't feel like home.
Would you recommend your experience to other students?	Yes.
What type of accommodation have you been renting and how has this been?	Private accommodation. First with a young couple than with a single man. All were nice, polite, easy going and helping me getting along here.
What have you been doing in your free time?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Going to live concerts • Global Cinema • Listening to music • Watching movies • Skyping with friends at home • Reading • Travelling with friends visiting me
What was the shopping like? Was it easy to buy the type of food you liked?	Yes, because of the German supermarket Lidl.

Stephanie's photos on location in Dorset:



Incoming Exchange Student Feedback Report 2009-10

Name: Titta

Home Country: Finland

Home University: Savonia University of Applied Sciences

Dates of exchange: Sept 09 – July 2010

BU Programme: BA Tourism Management (Level I)

Please provide a sentence which gives your overall impression of your experience so far:	Emotional roller coaster with ups and downs and every day is different.
What are the top 5 best things about being an exchange student at BU?	Great library and databases; internationality; recognized university and teaching; once in a life time experience; Bournemouth is a beautiful city!
What are the worst things about being an exchange student?	Settling in. Being one of the very few exchange students studying in the second year with British students, it was different than I had expected. Not having friends and family here. 6 units is hard work especially if in some cases your previous education has been much different than what has been taught here during the first year. Takes time to learn how to study and what is expected of you.
How do you think this overseas experience will benefit you in terms of your academic studies?	Provides you with lots of ideas for the future, e.g. your dissertation and what area of the industry you would like to specialise yourself in. I will be much more effective in studies back at home next year.
What have you gained personally from the time you have spent in the UK?	I have learnt to take more responsibility and see things from different perspectives than before. It was surprising that I valued my home country much more now that I am abroad.
Would you recommend your experience to other students?	I would. It depends on what kind of person you are, what suits you the best and what your expectations and goals are.
What type of accommodation have you been renting and how has this been?	I live in the student village and share a house with 6 other girls. You get used to it and it's nice that a post-graduate international student lives here as well. Quality and price do not match at all but that was expected (but still a shock).
What have you been doing in your free time?	Going for a walk, shopping, talking to friends and family back home. Going to global café and cinema at times.
What was the shopping like? Was it easy to buy the type of food you liked?	It is quite easy but when you share the kitchen with 6 others it is quite difficult to buy in bulk if you want to store some in the fridge or freezer. Food is cheaper than at home which is great. But stores close earlier unless you go all the way to Asda (or Lidl).