

Destination: MacEwan University
Exchange period: winter 2019

Choice of the destination and courses:

I wanted to study in an english speaking country. I found suitable courses when searching the university webpage. But then had to change some of the ones I had found were only available during the fall, and that was a bit unclear on the web page.

Describe shortly the preparation process before the departure:

Before departure I fixed a place to live (MacEwan Residence) and fixed an ETA (did not need a study permit because my stay in Canada was shorter than 6 months).

Contact with receiving institution:

It was easy to email international office and they were very helpful.

Support from Umea University:

Arrival information:

We had both an orientation and a meeting with all exchange students.

Accommodation arrangements:

I recommend living at MacEwan Residence, very convenient since located just next door to the university.

Transportation:

I lived right next to the University. Included in a mandatory fee paid at arrival at the university is a bus pass (unlimited bus rides) and a membership at the gym.

Budget:

The cost of living is very similar to Sweden, but I used more money in Canada compared to Sweden because had dinner out more often, did more activities that cost money, traveled.

Social activities:

The buddy programme organized weekly or semi-weekly events for all exchange students and MacEwan residence (where I lived) also organized events for everyone living in the house. Such as movie night, laser tag, a trip to IKEA and so on.

Recommendation :

Definitely!

Practical things to think about:

Canadians are very welcoming and helpful, don't be afraid to ask for help :)

General information about academia:

All courses extend over the whole semester, your grade is based on midterms, final exam and often smaller assignments. I liked this because then your final grade is not only based on the final exam.

Courses attended*Course 1:*

Transportation Management, SCMT 305 - Students learn transportation modes (road, rail, water, air, pipeline and multi-modal transportation), their place in the economy, and the regulatory environment in which they operate.

The course was built upon lectures, quizzes, mid term, final exam as well as a group project with a presentation and a report.

It was not needed to buy any literature, all information needed was given in lectures on power point.

Course 2:

Purchasing and Supply Management, SCMT 324 - The course introduces the purchasing and supply management function within the context of an organization's operations, and proceeds to assess its role within the operations of the entire supply chain. The course discusses the strategic importance of purchasing and supply management in developing and fostering contractual relationships with suppliers in global supply network.

The course was built upon lectures, mid term, final exam as well as a two group assignments + report and one individual report.

Workload was not overwhelming and the literature could be borrowed from the library when needed.

Course 3:

Applied Regression Analysis, STAT 378 - The course introduces methods in regression analysis. Topics include: multiple linear regression with particular focus on diagnostics, non-linear regression, and generalized linear models, such as Poisson regression and logistic regression. Emphasis will be placed on the practical application of the statistical methods.

The course was built upon lectures, mid term, final exam. You also handed in weekly or semi-weekly assignments and finished the course with a group project with a presentation and a report.

The workload was pretty heavy.

Course 4:

Course 5:

Additional Courses:

Did the university provide language courses? Could you receive ECTS points for them? What was your experience of such course?

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