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In Australia, a full course load is 4 classes rather than 5 like in Canada. Therefore I am currently only taking 4 courses. The following is a description of each class.

Course 1: Construction Management 1N (4.5 Credits) BUIL 1007.

This is a foundation course with the curriculum designed to introduce students to the organisation of the construction industry and its activities. The course serves to familiarize students with the management techniques of the building process and provide a conceptual framework to the construction industry. This course consists of 1 class a week plus 1 tutorial each taking one hour and a half. This course is therefore 3 hours of classes a week. It consists of 2 assessments worth 20% and 30% each and one final exam worth 50%. The first assessment consists of you having to create a construction project layout while the second consists of you writing a reflective journal as well as an analytical report. The final exam simply covers everything seen in class.

Course 2: Discovering Opportunities in Property (4.5 Credits) BUSS 1055.

This course introduces students to the opportunities afforded through participation in the real estate market. We will investigate a broad range of these aspects at an introductory level and primarily from the viewpoint of the property consumer—the people and organisations that use, buy, sell, rent, invest and speculate with property. The version of this course that I took was an online version and so there are technically no class hours per week. Instead you are given weekly readings and class slides to complete. You are then continuously graded throughout the course every week with a discussion topic and weekly quizzes that amount to 20% each respectively throughout the course. You then have two projects to complete with one of them being worth 10% of your final grade and the other is worth 50%. The first project is simply the data collection of the second project where everything is put into place. There is no final exam for this class.

Course 3: Fundamentals of Sport & Recreation (4.5 Credits) SPRC 2003.

This course will give you a sound understanding of sport and recreation management; structure and delivery systems for sport and recreation; income generation; volunteer and professional staff management; governance in the not-for-profit sport sector; and the legislative and policy frameworks that underpin sport and recreation organisations.

Topics that are covered within this course include: introduction to the sport industry; the sport management environment; the structure of not-for-profit sport; financial management; sport governance; strategic management; human resource management; sport marketing; and organisational change. There is one lecture and one tutorial to attend for this class per week each is 1 hour and a half long. You are graded with 1 midterm (40%), 1 report that is approximately 2000 words. (30%) and one final exam (30%).

Contract Administration 1 (4.5 Credits) BUIL 2019

Introduction to the Australian legal system. Introduction to statutory regulation of the construction industry. Offer and acceptance. Consideration. The contents of the contract. Privity of contract. Duress. Mistake. Misleading and deceptive conduct. Discharge of a contract. Remedies for breach of contract. This class consists of one tutorial and one lecture each lasting around 1 hour and a half. The class is graded with one midterm (15%) an individual assignment of around 1500 words (30%) and a final exam (50%).

B)

The school year at UNISA (University of South Australia) is broken down into what they call study periods. There are 6 of these and each has their own important dates and timetable requirements. I have been studying for study period 2 which is the closest equivalent to the winter semester here at the Telfer School of Management.

These are the important dates for the year 2017 for study period 2. If you decide to go on exchange during another study period, all of these dates can be consulted on the UNISA website at unisa.edu.au.

The official length of the 2017 study period 2 is from the 27 of February to the 1st of July. If you are only studying business classes than it is possible that your study period ends on the 10th of June.

You must apply online on the web applications website of UNISA. You must do this before November the 30th. However there are some issues with their website so I would highly recommend that this be done before November 20th to avoid any issues. Once your application is accepted, enrollment will take place in January. You will be contacted by UNISA of the specific enrollment dates. You must have enrolled by the 10th of March. However I highly recommend doing this as soon as possible as classes can fill up quite quickly.

While classes start on the 27th, there is 4 days of orientation that go from the 20th to the 24th of February. While this orientation can help you make new friends and get familiar with the university's many campuses, it is not absolutely necessary for one to attend. There are two weeks of study break in Australia rather than one like here in Canada. This break goes from the 10th of April to the 21st.

Final exams for business school classes are held through the 29th of May to the 10th of June but any other type of class will have finals during the 17th of June to the 1st of July.

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You will need a few documents in hand (just in case) once you enter Australia. These include:

- A valid OCSH (Health insurance). This can be provided through the University or can be purchased separately through a private insurer. I recommend going private if you can because these are most likely cheaper. The OCSH must cover your time in Australia and usually cost between \$200 and \$500 AUS.
- A student visa. This is granted through the Australian Government's Department of Immigration and Border Protection Agency. The student visa is approximately \$500 AUS. The student visa also allows one to work up to 20 hours a week during their study period.
- Overseas Student Confirmation of Enrolment (COE). This is to support your visa and allow you entry into the country. While you may not be asked to show this, have it on you just in case.
- Your Passport.

Once you are in Australia, you no longer need to show these documents unless you are leaving and entering the country. Domestic flights only require you to show ID like a driver's license. You are also free to enter Australia in any city of your choosing and do not necessarily have to land in Adelaide as your first stop.

The International Student Services here at UNISA offers help in many aspects here. These include:

- Settling in Adelaide
- Acquiring your Visa
- Health coverage and seeing a doctor if needed
- Fees and Finances
- Accommodation
- Study help and English language assistance
- Working in Australia
- Family Support

You must register through UNISA's main website at unisa.edu.au. This website is the equivalent of UOZONE. The enrollment process is done through another website that can be accessed via UNISA's main website called *My Enrollment*. This is the equivalent of Rabaska. Enrolling through classes is very straightforward. You pick from a list of approved undergrad courses for international students that can be found on the website. However always make sure to contact the course coordinator even if a class is on said list as the lists are rarely updated on time.

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While the budget will range from person to person, the budget I have outlined here is the most conservative budget one could have (if no other extra trips to other destinations are made).

Goods & Services	Price CAD
Flight (One way) Ottawa to Adelaide	\$1300-\$1500
Food costs per week	\$100
Rent Bi weekly	\$300-\$700
Miscellaneous education costs (Weekly)	\$25
Miscellaneous Costs (Weekly)	\$200
Clothes	\$300
Laundry costs (Weekly)	\$10
Total Estimated Bi Weekly costs	\$1270
Total Trip Costs	\$15,000

It must be noted that this is simply an estimated budget. How you plan your exchange will certainly have a big impact on total costs. It is also important to note that while planning is important, you will meet plenty of new people and discover things that will most certainly change some aspects of your initial plans. This is ok however because you end up doing amazing things with amazing new people. So it is a good idea to put extra money on the side for these spontaneous plans that will inevitably happen.

While some things are more expensive in Australia, then in Canada, (Mainly rent and alcohol) most other products can be purchased for the same price or lower than in Canada. It all depends on where you shop.

E)

The first step in preparing for your exchange is going through the application process with Telfer on choosing which university you would like to go too. Once you have been told by Telfer which university has been approved for you, and if in this case it ends up being UNISA, then you must at that point apply online. The process takes about 2 hours and must be done before the 30th of November but I highly recommend doing so before the 20th of November due to issues with the website. Once this is complete you will receive a letter of offer from the University. You must at that point apply for your student visa. Once you have received confirmation of your student visa, and processed the payment, you can now accept the letter of offer and attach your student visa and purchase your OCSH.

While accommodations are unique to everyone, it is important to look up the dates of when your preferred accommodation choices open up for registration. For example I am currently living on 12 Bank Street at the Urbanest student accommodation residence. Registration for study period 2 started on the 20th of September, 2016. I submitted my application for a room and was lucky to acquire one. While Urbanest was the better choice, we were too late to submit an application for another cheaper apartment. So just make sure you submit your application early to get your desired accommodation.

You will most certainly have to put a housing deposit on your accommodation. This can be done online by credit card or bank transfer.

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As already stated, I am currently living on 12 Bank Street at the Urbanest student living residence. While not officially an international student residence, most of its occupants are exchange or international students from many different countries around the world. The building also has a first floor where you can find a gym, a pool table, a ping pong table, a terrace on a very big porch, and a tv room where one can watch tv and movies and even play xbox one on a massive 75 inch tv. Urbanest is very expensive however with the cheapest room being \$200 a week. You are given 15gb of data every month, and have to pay extra for more. While this may sound expensive, and it is, I am extremely happy I choose to stay here. The reason for this is because of the first floor. Every weekend people join up on the first floor, to talk and socialize and this is where I met all of my new friends and the people whom I will be visiting the rest of Australia with. Being with International students is also a plus because they are also interested in visiting the country so you always have a trip that you can join in with every week.

There are many different options for rooming but the best choice is the 6 person apartment where you have your own bathroom and room for \$612 dollars bi weekly.

G) While I am not working here in Australia, you can work up to twenty hours a week with a student visa of 6 months.

H).

I highly recommend visiting the East coast before coming into Adelaide to begin your studies. This is because the transition into Australia will be easier once you enter Adelaide since you will have already seen how other Australian cities function. It will also get you used to how transactions and business is conducted in Australia. These range, from the fact that you do not tip in Australia and that everyone owns a visa debit card, which means that when you pay with your credit card, you will be asked if you are paying debit or credit, regardless of the fact that it is just a credit card. Simply say credit.

I also highly recommend staying at an accommodation where there is a social first floor where you can meet many different types of people. This is where you will experience the most fun and plan trips you never even thought possible before starting your exchange. This part of the trip has given me an experience that I will never forget and will treasure for the rest of my life. The friends you meet become lifelong friends and help you become a different but better person than you were before.

I also highly recommend that if ever you do travel outside of Adelaide, you stay at hostels. This is where I met great people from all over the world and enjoyed my stays in other cities so much more because of the great company I had. While not everyone will enjoy the hostel experience, I highly recommend you try it regardless even if this might seem scary to some.

Lastly, an exchange is not always rainbows and sunshine. There might be some parts where you feel slightly homesick or are simply overwhelmed with all the things you might have to adapt to. These feelings are normal and are greatly overshadowed by all the fun one can have on an exchange. But it is good to know that sometimes you might feel a little worse for wear. Pull through and keep your head up high and everything will work itself out☺.

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So far, my experience has been one of the best I have ever had in my life. I have met great people from many different parts of the world and continue to meet people every day. My confidence has increased dramatically and I am much more social than I have ever been in my life. I have seen some of the most amazing natural wonders, pieces of architecture and wildlife that makes one feel happy to be alive. To anyone thinking of doing an exchange, regardless of where it is, please do one. You will not regret it and it offers an experience that will not be offered anywhere else. You will come back a changed person for the better.