Social Sciences

Criminology

Queensland University of Technology (

Australia

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I flew YVR to LAX to SYD to BNE, but I wanted to see Sydney first. Air Canada now

Canadian

$550

Did an online visa application. Don't think I had to submit any additic

Vancouver

Around a month or two. It was very quick

You can take the airtrain into the city, or use the free service the university provides that picks you up at the airport and drops you off where you're staying (one time only service)

Brisbane International and Domestic Airport

It was a really good way to meet people and look at all the services, facilities and clubs offered. It was also a good way to get to know campus.

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I stayed at Southbank Campus Apartments. Overall it was pretty good; I had some issues with the building manager (he was hard to deal with and definately was not the best business man). I really liked that the building had a pool and a gym, even though the gym wasn't the greatest. It was a 8 min walk to the cultural centre bus station and the South Brisbane train station, a 25-30 min walk to QUT Gardens Point and the closest Coles (cheap grocery store) was about a 20 min walk.

$1500

Minimum $1500 per month living costs includes my $1200 rent, $400 for food and miscellanous (toilet paper, shampoo, dish soap, etc.), $40 phone plan, $30 wifi (100GB for $90 split between 3 people), plus transit costs (With the GoCard here you load it with say $25 at a time and each time you use the bus, train, ferry you get charged; so you can spend as little or as much as you like; I've spent about $20-25 per month; the typical bus cost around the city is $1.35-1.67 concession fare depending on the time of day).

I had a very hard time deciding on accommodation, in the end I was happy I went with the option where I had everything set up for when I got here. Some people found accommodation only when they got here, which sounded to be very stressful. Also, the rent prices here are shown per week (always) and there is usually a 6 month minimum rent period.

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I opened an account with HSBC in Canada and Australia so I could transfer money for free. I got an HSBC advanced account in Canada which I will cancel when I get home, and a regular everyday account in Australia. Also, I set up online transfers as a free way to pay for my rent. To set up a bank account HSBC needed a tenancy agreement and my passport.

Don't need Canadian money here, and I haven't seen anywhere that accepts American money. The best is to just bring Australian dollars. I brought $400 cash when I came plus my credit card, both were necessary and I don't think anything less than $400 would have been sufficient, as it takes a minimum

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They take all forms of payment here. One thing to remember is they do not tip in Australia, and tax is included in the price you see.

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I had to figure out what courses I could take being an exchange student, then I had to figure out what courses were available the semester I came, then I had to struggle to figure out if I had the prerequisites, then I had to email my QUT advisor and get them to approve me for the courses, then I had to enrol for courses, and then about a month later I had to register for my courses. Here course enrolment and course registration are different and happen at separate dates.

Justice

English

All of my courses were lectorials, so the first hour is a lecture and the second hour is a tutorial discussion with the class and the prof. The quality of teaching is very high, and they seemed to really be willing to help if needed. All of my courses were taken in regular (~200 student) lecture halls. Most of my courses had only 2 assignments the whole semester (either 2 essays, or an essay and a final); none of my courses had midterms, which didn't seem to be very popular here at all.

The whole experience was incredible. Academic wise it was interesting to study at a different university because you really don't know how your university compares to others as you usually only study at one. I found QUT to be very practical (like one of my assignments was to relate the course content to a job application), whereas ¶¡ÏãÔ°AV is a lot more theoretical (I learn mainly about theories of the causes of crime).
As a side note, the campuses at QUT were very beautiful, and there is a free shuttle bus that between

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