

Exchange Report

For my Summer 2015 exchange, I chose to go to the University of East Anglia in Norwich, England. The summer exchanges are different from the Fall/Spring in that they are much shorter – my program was just under four weeks long.

I arrived in England on Saturday June 26, 2015 and classes began on the following Monday. On the Sunday, there was a useful orientation, which I would recommend attending if you can. This is where you begin interacting with the other students and making new friends, while touring around the campus and town. (If you think you would enjoy exploring a historic, small, charming city, you love it in Norwich!)

In terms of preparation, pack for Vancouver summer weather. It is essentially the same. Other than this, I would recommend getting power adapters, so you can use your phone charger and other electrical appliances there. Also keep in mind that town is only 15/20 minutes away, so if you forget something, you can always buy it there. I ended up bringing 200 pounds with me, and took out more from the ATM on campus as needed. I am with Coast Capital, and for me it was a 5-pound charge every time I did this.

I was incredibly stressed about what type of Visa I needed, and whether or not I would need to get one prior to leaving. There did not seem to be clear answers about this anywhere. I ended up just getting a Visa at the airport once I arrived. (However, I'm not sure if the policies around this have changed).

In regards to housing, I was very happy with the dorm rooms there. Since it is a summer exchange, the housing is chosen for you. Everyone in the Summer School Program stays in the same building. They arrange everyone into different flats of about 8-10 people. You get your own bathroom and bedroom, which is locked from the rest of the flat – but you all share a kitchen. I was very comfortable in this arrangement.

I took the 'Plague and Disease of the Medieval City' module with Joy Hawkins. I absolutely loved it. The class sizes are small, and relaxed. Some of my friends in other modules found the workload to be intense for a 4-week exchange program; however, Joy was very reasonable. She mixed up the course structure by taking us on a variety of fieldtrips, and planning

These are some shots of Norwich.
These were both taken in town,
which is about a 20-minute bus ride
from campus. There is a huge

