



BERICHT

(Bitte **spätestens 2 Monate nach Beendigung Ihres Auslandsaufenthalts** vollständig übermitteln)

1. **Gastuniversität** (Land/Stadt/Uni) Australia/Melbourne/University of Melbourne

2. **Studienjahr** Wintersemester 20__ __ Sommersemester 2018

Aufenthaltsdauer (Tag, Monat, Jahr) von 14.02.2018 bis 18.06.2018

3. **Studienrichtung(en)** East Asian Economy and Society **Matrikel. Nr** XXXXXXXXXX

Bachelorstudium Diplomstudium Lehramtsstudium Masterstudium

E-Mail-Adresse (optional) _____

4. **Stipendium** bewilligt für 4 Monate Stipendium Uni Wien gesamt 2700 €
weitere Stipendien _____ € Bezugsquelle _____
Gesamtsumme Stipendien 2700 €

5. **Wohnmöglichkeit** (zutr. bitte ankreuzen): Studierendenheim
 Privat

6. **Kosten** Unterkunft gesamt 2900 € Reisekosten gesamt 1300 €
(An- und Abreise, öffentl. Verkehrsmittel)
Lebenshaltungskosten gesamt 3000 € Visakosten 370 €
Studienkosten gesamt 0 € Versicherungskosten gesamt 190 €
Gesamtkosten Auslandsaufenthalt 7760 €

(z.B. Studien - Sprachkurs-, Bibliotheksgebühren
Kursmaterial, Application Fees)

Verfassen eines persönlichen Erfahrungsberichtes über Ihren Studienaufenthalt Anhaltspunkte:
Gastuniversität, Kurse, Prüfungen, Mitstudierende, Unterkunft etc.
(Bitte verwenden Sie ein **extra Beiblatt**: mind. 1 Seite; **Überschrift des Berichtes**: Ihre Matrikelnummer, Name der
Gastuniversität und des Gastlandes, Ihre Studienrichtung sowie der Zeitraum des Aufenthaltes.)

**Abgabe des Leistungsnachweises der ausländischen Institution (Transcript) sowie des
Anrechnungsbescheides (Formular: Antrag-Anerkennung-Studienerfolgsnachweis)**

JA, ich bin damit einverstanden, dass dieses Formular zusammen mit meinem Bericht für Mitstudierende auf der
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Australia - The University of Melbourne

Faculty of Arts, East Asian Economy and Society

February – June 2018

The Melb Uni and courses

The University of Melbourne is among the oldest (founded in 1853) and top ranked universities of Australia. It offers a wide variety of classes related to East Asian studies and international relations. According to university rules, students supposed to attend minimum 3 and maximum 4 courses per semester. During my exchange semester I have decided to mostly concentrate on the courses dealing with international relations. Therefore, I can highly recommend the following courses: "Great Power Rivalry: Peace & War in 21C" taught by Timothy Lynch; "International Policymaking in Practice" by John Woods; "Nuclear Weapons and Disarmament" by Richard Tanter; "Education and State Power in China" by Lewis Mayo. All courses are very well organised and structured; there are also a lot of guest lecturers. Professors concentrate on practical knowledge rather than theoretical, therefore the classes are always very interesting and entertaining. The workload was quite high as there are a lot of weekly readings and assignments. However, the requirements for the final assignments/essays are not as high as at the University of Vienna (max. 5000 words). Professors and tutors are always willing to provide a constructive feedback and give suggestions for improvement. If you prefer to study at the university, keep in mind that during the examination period places in the libraries are very fastly taken. You can book a place for individual or group meeting in the library online for up to 2 hours. There are also study areas only for graduate students.

Accommodation

It took me one month to find a room for rent. I have arrived to Melbourne almost at the beginning of the semester (end of February) and all rooms at the dormitories were already taken. Also, prices for a room at the dormitories are same as private rooms in a shared flat or even higher. I have decided to look for a room in a shared flat near to the university area (Parkville, Carlton, Fitzroy, CBD) or next to the Free Tram Zone. In the end, I have found a room in Southbank for 350 AUD per week, just 5 minutes walk to the Free Tram Zone (Flinders Station). Although the price for the room was exceeding the originally planned budget, I was tired with looking for an accommodation. Also, all bills for the electricity/internet/water were already included into this price and I had an access to the gym and swimming pool with sauna as well. Most of the offers with rooms for rent can be found on Facebook or at <https://flatmates.com.au>.

Transport

The infrastructure at the CBD area is quite good, especially due to the possibility to use the Free Tram Zone (free use of trams in the centre) that covers main sights of Melbourne. However, if you intend to live further from the center, you should consider that connections between the trains and busses are not that well planned and a road that usually takes 40 minutes can take you up to 2 hours (during the first month being in Melbourne I lived in Heatherton and it took me up to 2 hours to come to the University). You will need to buy a card called Myki and top it up with money in order to use the public transport.

Groceries

The prices for food are relatively similar to the ones in Austria. Fresh vegetables and fruits are usually even cheaper than in Vienna and can be found anywhere (Woolworths, Coles, Metro, Aldi). I would highly recommend to check the Queen Victoria market and South Melbourne Market in Southbank. The variety of food there is wider and prices are lower than in the stores.

Money

Most of the time I have paid with a credit card or withdrew the money from an Austrian debit card at any ATM (exchange rates are good and you pay only 3 AUD for any withdrawal).

Weather

As you might have heard it already, the weather in Melbourne is unpredictable. At any time of the year Melbourne is always windy. At the end of February it was still very hot (+30 °C). There was a very good weather, around +25 °C and almost every day sunny till the first week of May. Within one day the weather has changed drastically, dropping from +25 °C to +10 °C. It has rained for approximately 1-2 weeks long. After the heavy rains stopped, the weather became relatively good. It could be +10 °C in early morning, +25 °C in the afternoon, and +15 °C in the evening. Although it was quite cold sometimes, I never needed to wear a winter coat/jacket. It is enough to bring the clothes that you usually wear in autumn. However, as most of the flats are not heated in Melbourne in winter, I would recommend to bring with you warm socks and pullovers that you can wear at home.

Melbourne

Melbourne is a great city that has a very unusual modern architecture, a lot of green parks and street artists, many cafes/bars/restaurants that are spread everywhere. The food at the restaurants is very delicious and affordable. Melbourne is famous for the coffee and I have to admit that there is indeed one of the best coffees that I have ever tried. Most importantly is that Melbourne has a direct access to the ocean and its sceneries are amazing. St Kilda beach is one of the most popular beaches of Melbourne and you can also see the penguins there. St Kilda was among my favourite spots of the city as well. Overall, I can only recommend you to make your exchange semester at the University of Melbourne, as the quality of education as well as the lifestyle of the city and people are at the top. Good luck with your studies, enjoy the city and Australia as a whole, create unforgettable memories and better think twice before touching any animals/insects/fishes! :)