



Exchange Reports University of New South Wales Sydney, Australia

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Teaching and Learning Environment

• I took 4 courses. The course selection was very expansive, and all were taught in English. The quality and style of instruction was very similar to that at Queens, Canada and Australia being countries with similar colonial histories and legal systems. My courses were mostly paper based, with one course having a final exam.

Quality of Administrative Support for Students

• There was a good amount of time to change course registration before the courses started. I was not provided with assistance in finding housing. There were a few exchange student orientation events, but not too many. Academic supports were good as well.

Campus Facilities

• The law school building was very well maintained with modern classrooms, and class sizes were kept small. The law school was on the middle of the main campus. I did not have any experience with IT support. The library is well stocked and clearly organized.

Student Accommodation and Food

• I found off-campus accommodations. Costs were high, comparable to renting in downtown Toronto. Food prices were comparable to Canada. I would recommend ensuring that any bonds given to landlords are posted with the bond agency; do not give your bond directly to any landlords, as them asking you to give it to them directly is illegal. I had some issues with a rogue landlord unfortunately.

Travel to Downtown and Environs

• Public transit is very similar to the Presto card system in Toronto. Sydney has Opal cards, which work way better than the Presto system. They have many buses and trains, all with updated geo information so you track exactly how far away the bus is from you! I recommend living in the Coogee or Bondi area.

City Life Highlights

• I bought a SIM card at the airport upon arrival for my phone. Highlights that I loved included the Rocks Christmas Market, the Taronga Zoo, the Opera House and the Tower Eye in Sydney. My favourite places I visited in Australia included Rottnest Island off the coast of Perth and the Whitsunday Islands up along the east coast.

Student Life

• From my experience, not many programs in place.