## Part B

### Exchange/Summer Program Information

Please provide the following details related to your Education Abroad Program.

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<th>Host Institution:</th>
<th>Ludwig Maximilian University, Munich, Germany</th>
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<td>City/Town:</td>
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<td>Country:</td>
<td>Germany</td>
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<td>From: 09/01/2016 (mm/dd/yyyy) To: 07/31/2017</td>
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Did you participate on an internship during your exchange/summer program?  

- ☑ Yes  
- ☐ No

What immigration documents (e.g. study visa, residence permits etc.) are required to study at your host institution?  

- A student visa

What issues (if any) did you encounter while obtaining these immigration documents?  

- None

What tips would you give to future students regarding their student visa and other required immigration documents?  

- Have an up to date passport before applying

### Languages

- Arabic  
- Cantonese  
- English  
- French  
- German  
- Spanish  
- Mandarin  
- Japanese  

- ☑ Yes  
- ☐ No  
- ☐ N/A

Were there any adequate course offerings taught in English for your field of study?  

- ☑ Yes  
- ☐ No  
- ☐ N/A

Prior to your departure, did you take any language courses at your home institution? If yes, what courses (e.g. FREN 111) did you take?  

- Yes  
- GERM 111, 112, 211, 212, 308, 304  
- AUGER 411, 412

How did taking a class in another language (that was not your first language) impact your learning experience? Did you instructor make any accommodations?  

- It helped me to improve my language competency and fluency. My instructors focused less on grammar and more on content when grading my assignments

### Academia

What arrangements regarding pre-approval of credit transfer were you able to arrange with your faculty before leaving on your program?
None. I knew leaving that my courses most likely would not transfer and was given minimal support in arranging transferable credits.

Please describe the course registration process at your host institution.

- Were you able to pre-register in Canada?
- Did you receive any assistance from your host institution?
- Did your course registration change upon arrival? If so, why?

I was unable to register until I arrived as the course calendar was unavailable until shortly before classes started. I was able to find similar courses in the previous years/semester course calendar.

Please describe your academic plan (e.g. number of courses per term, course name etc.).

- 3 courses per term - some I only audited
  - Winter Semester: History of Munich and Bavaria, Phenomena des Gesprochenen Deutsch, Geschichte des Deutschen Grammatik
  - Summer Semester: Les, Inns, and Bullshit, Computerspiele, Philosophie, Baukunst im Globales Lehmen

Please describe the credit and grading system at your host institution.

- Most semester courses were 6 ECTS credits or 3 VetAcad.
- Most lectures were 3 ECTS credits or 1.5 EBU of A credits

How was your overall academic experience (e.g. teaching style, class structure and sizes, amount of coursework, assessment) in comparison to your home institution?

- Courses were often only graded by a single research paper which weighted 100% of the course
- There was always several hours of reading each week

How did you obtain a transcript for coursework completed at your host institution?

- I filled out an ECTS credit form which professors used to send my grades to the international office

Student Services

Please describe the type of facilities (e.g. library, internet/Wi-Fi access, computer labs, bookstore, health clinic, counseling services) available at your host institution.
Libraries hold access to over 2 million books which could be accessed, reserved or reserved. Several computer labs, Eduroam (wifi) was available in every lecture hall.

To the best of your knowledge, what support and services are available at your host institution for:
- Students with disabilities or special needs
- Students identifying as LGBTQ
- Students of visible minorities

I'm unaware as I didn't look for these services.

Please describe where you could find exchange student advising or receive academic counseling at your host institution.

At the International Office in the Main Building.

**Housing Information**

| To the best of your knowledge, what housing options are available to students? | LMU sets aside specific housing for incoming students and works with students to ensure adequate housing is found.
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<th>What type of housing did you stay in?</th>
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| On-campus residences
| Off-campus housing
| With a host family
| Other |

How satisfied were you with your housing choice?

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |

What should future students be aware of when choosing on-campus residences?

- Application process for housing
- Utilities and furniture
- Meal plans, cooking facilities
- Housing rules (e.g. curfew, how early can you move in, closure during major holidays etc.)
- Assistance from host institution staff (e.g. airport pick-up, orientation)

Residences aren't on campus because university buildings are quite spread out. If offered housing take it because it's much cheaper than finding housing on your own. It offered.

Be aware that not all students have the same life/cleaning styles.

**What should future students be aware of when choosing off-campus housing?**

- Lease agreements, deposits, tenant rights
- Utilities and furniture
- Location and neighbourhoods
- Safety and security
- Type of resources available to look for housing (e.g. Craigslist)

LMU and student affairs will work with you to help you understand the lease and deposits. If finding your own housing it is much more expensive if you wish to be close to the school buildings.

**Student Life**

What would you recommend to future students who are looking to meet other students at your host institution? (e.g. extra-curricular activities such as student groups, intramurals, residence events and activities, volunteering opportunities, etc.)
I was a part of the LMU English Drama Group and would highly recommend it.

What work or internship opportunities are available for students on and/or off campus?

There are always advertisements for English tutors and cafe work is easy to find if you speak German.

Health and Safety
Are there any specific health/safety issues that future students should be made aware of? What precautions can you recommend to mitigate or eliminate these issues?

I never felt unsafe in Munich.

Did your host institution require a mandatory travel/health insurance plan for exchange students? How did you arrange this?

Yes, they require health insurance and you must have German insurance ( Olympia won't do). In the introductory meeting they will recommend different insurance providers.

Cultural Adaptation
What cultural differences (if any) did you find particularly challenging?

What parts of your host country's culture did you most appreciate?

Germany are much nicer than stereotypes would allow you to believe.

Costs and Budgeting
Please describe your basic costs in Canadian dollars. This will help future exchange/summer program students plan their own budgets.

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<td>Other travel</td>
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**Funding your International Experience**

Please indicate how you financed your program. This will help future students plan their own budgets. Check all that apply.

- Scholarships from UAlberta
- Scholarships from Host Institution
- Student loans
- Family contributions
- Personal savings
- Employment while in host country
- Other:

**Final Thoughts**

What were some highlights of your experience abroad?

*If you have the chance to go abroad, do it! Don’t worry about money, the experience is so worth it.*

Would you recommend your education abroad program to other students? Why or why not?

*Yes, Munich is a beautiful city, the people are fantastic and it was an incredible opportunity for growth.*

Please provide any final information/tips for students interested in studying abroad that you would like to share.

*Research where you want to go, be aware of possible challenges, go with an open mind and have fun.*

**Thank You for Completing the Report**

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