

# My exchange semester on Humber College

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# General information

## **Where and when did I study?**

I studied at Humber College in Toronto on my 3rd semester which was from september-december 2022

## **My program on KEA**

Under my exchange I was studying Multimedia Design.

# My classes at Humber

## **Copywrite 1**

- How to write for commercials

## **Design foundations**

- Learning how to use the different Adobe programs
- Design foundations with colors, fonts, setup etc.

## **Introduction to code**

- How to code using HTML, CSS and Javascript

## **Interactive design**

- How to create interactive designs for innovations also our own

## **Visual communications**

- The meaning and use of colors, fonts, setup etc. when doing design for different kinds of communication

# Choosing classes and settling in

I chose and got all my classes through KEA, but after the first week of classes i found out that one of classes wasn't for me. I had to talk to my exchange coordinator and there were a lot of back and forth through mail, and it was a little slow there were a deadline for changing classes. Finally when i got through to her, i got a lot of help through and changed my class easily.

The exchange coordinators had planned the whole week before classes started. So all the exchange students could get to know each other, it helped a lot when it came to meeting new people. But that was only exchange students, it was a little difficult trying to get to know the Canadian students.

# The Classes

## **Most helpful**

My class copywriter and design foundations were the most rewarding study wise. I learned a lot of new things in those classes. We don't have any of those classes that elaborate, and i can definitely use it for my program at home.

## **Least helpful**

For me personally, the Introduction to Code class was a little irrelevant. It was nice to have a recap of all that I had already learned at my own school, but almost all of it i already knew, and i think i would have benefited more from having a more challenging class of coding.

# Recommendations

## **Favourite**

### **Copywrite 1**

- The teacher really loves his job and is so enthusiastic
- You learn so much about copywriting and how to think out of the box

### **Design foundations**

- You're put into the most essential Adobe programs and forced to learn them through projects, in a good way

## **Least favourite**

### **Visual Communications**

- The teacher is nice but leaves a big part of the learning part up to the individual student
- The classes are not always very helpful, so you learn through projects and individual communication with the teacher

# Cultural challenges

## **The food**

I had a little issue with the food at the residence and outside of it. Most of the time the food was quite unhealthy, and the healthy food was very expensive. I'm used to eating very fresh food and healthy food, and there wasn't many options, especially not for students.

## **Social life**

I don't think Canadians are as social as danish people in general, which I think made it a little difficult to talk to new people. There were different gatherings to meet new people, but not many people showed up.

# Experience and advice

## **Best experience**

All the trips I went on with both the residence and the exchange students. The residence hosted a baseball game trip to Rogers Center to watch the Blue Jays, and that was so much fun. Also the trip to Niagara Falls with the exchange students. Both were free and they arranged the transportation there.

## **Advice**

Do your research about the classes. Participate in the gatherings as much as you can, it's a great way to meet new people who also want to be social and make new friends. Make sure you know who you can contact if you have any questions about anything before you go.



# Application process

## Help from KEA

- Kea helped to introduce me to the opportunity to going on exchange first of all. I didn't know about it before they had a presentation about it.
- Showed me the different options of places to go
- Application and choice of classes
- Choice to live on residence
- How to apply for scholarships

## Help from Humber

- Help with classes
- Opportunities to meet new people

# Settling down

## **The school**

The school was really good at planning gatherings for the exchange students but also some few for all students

## **The residence**

There were some students who were responsible for everyone being okay and for hosting get togethers, that was very nice, to know who you can go to

# Finding an accomodation

## **I lived on the residence**

It was very difficult finding an accommodation. I didn't get a room at the residence before a week before i flew to Canada. Meanwhile I was planning on living at an Airbnb with one of my classmates, it took us months to find.

## **Price**

Both the accommodation outside of the residence and the stay at the residence were pretty expensive.

## **Budget**

I spend more money than expected. Most of my money went to experiences around Toronto, but I also used quite a lot of money on food because the food at the residence wasn't very nice, even though I had payed for a meal plan. The meal plan only covered 1-2 meals a day.

# All in all

**I had a really great trip. I learned a lot from the classes that i took, some more than others. I made some new friends from many different countries. And it was really cool trying to experience a new culture.**

**I would do it all over again!**