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After four years of full time study (I study chemical engineering and business management) I decided that it was finally time to do an exchange. I had always wanted to study overseas but it never felt like the right time, so at the beginning of my fifth year I went to Lund, Sweden to study economics in the beginning of 2010. Apart from the brief meeting with the few other UQ students studying at Lund, I made the 24hour long trek to Sweden knowing basically no one and scared half to death. But I needn't have been, I made friends the very second I fell off of the train (I almost missed my stop and ended up throwing my things from the train just as the doors were closing) some of whom stayed my closest friends on my exchange. For flights, I would recommend student flights, they were so helpful to me and saved me soooooooooooooooooo much money on my return trip!

Honestly, enrolment before I got there was a MASSIVE mission for me but the staff at UQ Abroad and especially at Lund were so helpful. It is a pain getting organised but believe me, it is so worth it! I could not emphasise enough how much I enjoyed my exchange, it was the best thing I have ever done! I now have friends in Switzerland, Sweden, Portugal, England, Scotland, Iceland, Italy and the Netherlands just to name a few. I don't really know what advice to give about clothing to bring because being a Brisbane girl through and through, I took almost no clothes and ended up arriving in the longest and coldest winter experienced in Lund in over 80 years...lucky me! The main attraction at Lund, aside from the Swedes themselves, is the nations: bars run by students. They will become your main drinking spots because they are super cheap and everyone goes there. OGs was a personal favourite on a Saturday. If you are undecided on whether or not to do an exchange, just do it, it will be the best decision you will ever make!



wearing 12 layers on the top and 8 on the bottom preparing for dog sledding in the Arctic Circle