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I would recommend exchange to anyone! No matter if your adventures turn out to be fun, sad, hard or exciting you will learn so much. I really enjoyed the challenge of going to a country all by myself, not knowing anyone. For me it was exciting to see how I would be able to handle it.

The introduction seminars the university held for the exchange students were informative and started as a base for meeting people. They gave me all the basic information I needed. I met lots of people from all over the world, it was interesting to see how 'real' certain stereotypes of countries were and which types of people I got along with best.

Manchester has a very big student population and the areas near the university are based around students' needs. There is cheap transport; heaps of bars and places to eat, supermarkets close by and all the other little things you need like chemists, a post office and seven eleven style stores. Manchester city is 10 minutes from the university and London is only 4.5 hours on the bus (much faster on the train but 10 times the price). Being in England allowed for really easy traveling to the rest of the UK and to Europe.

With friends I made in Manchester I went to Dublin for St Patrick's day which was a great weekend, I made it to Berlin and Amsterdam during the semester and in the mid-semester break (which is 4 weeks) I did a trip through Scotland, Ireland and south of England. After the semester finished I traveled to Denmark, Sweden, Greece, Italy, Croatia, Spain and Portugal.

If you have the chance to go on exchange don't pass it up, never again will you be able to experience a country, a city or a culture in this unique way.



(The Scottish Highlands)



(Dublin for St Patrick's day) - I am on the right