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My Exchange at the University of Toronto was exactly what I wanted it to be and that was life changing. Meeting new and interesting people, travelling all over North America, experiencing different cultures and climates and making lifelong friends were just some of the highlights. Living on campus I quickly made a close circle of mostly Canadian friends as well as other international students from all across the globe. Despite it being slightly more expensive I would highly recommend living on campus or on one of the offered residences close to campus as it's a great way to meet people, there are lots of parties and activities to get involved with and there's always someone close by to chill with.

From an academic perspective the University Of Toronto is an excellent institution to study at with smaller more personal classes and world renowned lecturers it was a great way to refresh my learning after 4 years at UQ. For a business student it was great to have classes that were more like seminars that involved lots of class discussion and debate rather than then lectures that you simply sit there and listen to the lecturer and usually fall asleep. As far as standard goes I found most of the classes demanded more in terms of reading but the assessment was overall a lot easier.

I would definitely recommend the exchange program and the University of Toronto to anyone who is looking for a new experience and the opportunity to explore another country and immerse yourself in a different culture. I can't wait to get back to Toronto a place I now consider my second home and catch up with all the friends I made over the short time I was there. If your gonna travel in the U.S. you have to do a road trip of the west coast and try to get to Miami and New York they are must sees. If you're even thinking about exchange don't hesitate you won't regret it for a second!



And the one on the far left: This is the hills of San Francisco travelling with some other exchange students!!!!



I'm the guy in the hat in the photo! This is the Toronto subway on a cold winter's day!