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# WHY I CHOSE TO STUDY IN AUSTRALIA

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# INTRODUCTION

- Why study overseas & why in Australia?
- Studying in Australia
  - Bond University vs. University of Queensland (UQ)
- What I have learned & how that has been important to me?

# WHY STUDY OVERSEAS?

- In order to:
  - experience a different culture & a different way of life
  - learn a foreign language
  - develop as a person

# WHY STUDY IN AUSTRALIA?

- Combine studying with fulfilling one of my dreams - which was going to Australia!
- Choice of university a combination of:
  - Bachelors degree in two years
  - Discount on the tuition fee

# WHY STUDY IN AUSTRALIA?

- Decision to continue my master studies in Australia based on:
  - Liked it so much the first time – why change?
- Choice of university a combination of:
  - Needed a change of environment
  - Was looking for a larger university with a lower % of international student's, especially Scandinavians.

# STUDYING IN AUSTRALIA

- Studying in Australia was much harder than I originally thought

& it is...

- ....not a holiday trip!!!

# EXPECTATIONS ON UQ

- Easier to get to know Australian students

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- Harder to get to know Scandinavian students

# WERE MY EXPECTATIONS MET?

- As for not meeting any Scandinavians;
  - Not a Scandinavian person in sight....
  
- .... and as for meeting Australians;
  - Been a bit of a disappointment
  - Majority of the people are still international students

# STUDY STRESS - DIFFERENCES

- More stress studying at Bond due to;
  - Three semesters in a year leads to a higher study tempo
  - No revision week to study for final exams

# STUDY STRESS - DIFFERENCES

- In relation to studying in Sweden;
  - Failing a subject in Sweden; re-write the final exam
  - Failing a subject here; re-do the entire subject + pay the tuition fee all over again

# HOW HAS STUDYING OVERSEAS BEEN IMPORTANT TO ME?

- In my working life/career
  - English as business language
  - Value international experience
  - Experience of working with people from different countries

# WHAT DID I LEARN?

- Most important was learning:
  - about myself & my abilities and limits
- &
- different cultures & not only the Australian one



**THANK YOU!**