International Student Exchange

Gain an international perspective on your studies and experience different teaching styles and ways of learning during a five month exchange to the USA.

You can obtain credit towards your RMIT studies by choosing from topics such as accounting, business administration, IT, communications, management and marketing.

The objectives of the exchange are for you to develop personal and professional networks, enhance your study experience, and provide you with an opportunity to travel and live in a collegial environment overseas.

Kirkwood Community College
Kirkwood Community College’s main campus covers 680 acres and is located on the southwest edge of Cedar Rapids in the state of Iowa. It offers certificate, diploma and degree programs in more than 120 disciplines and has a business and industry focus. Kirkwood is a member in the League for Innovation in the Community College—one of twelve “Vanguard Colleges” in North America.

Kirkwood has a vibrant student life with a 15-acre athletic complex to pursue recreational and social activities and the main campus has more than 60 clubs, organisations and groups on campus. The College boasts 15,000 enrolments with students from 30 US states and international students from 90 countries. The state of Iowa is bounded by the Mississippi and Missouri Rivers; the nearest major city and transport hub is Chicago, Illinois.

Classes
Kirkwood teaches in trimesters. The period of the student exchange would be 24 August to 5 December 2015.

Academic Content
You may choose from topics such as:
- Accounting
- Banking and Finance
- Business Administration
- Career Studies - Business and IT
- Communications Media
- Computer Information Systems
- Management
- Marketing Management
- Public Relations.

Before departure, successful applicants will be required to attend briefing sessions.
Accommodation
Discounted accommodation will be provided on campus.

Cost
You will pay the normal fees associated with studying the equivalent number of courses offered at RMIT. Please refer to the schedule of RMIT fees and charges published on the web site www.rmit.edu.au/programs/fees. You do not pay tuition fees to the host institution. However, you are required to pay travel, accommodation and living costs. These costs vary and detailed information about costs will be explained prior to departure.

RMIT may be able to provide financial assistance for overseas study programs. Please refer to the student exchange website for further details. www.rmit.edu.au/globalpassport/financialsupport

Eligibility
The exchange is open to current first year students in the School of Vocational Business Education who are:
— studying an RMIT program full-time in Melbourne; and
— are yet to complete associated courses in the School.

Selection will be subject to satisfactory completion of semester one studies with a GPA of 2.0 (out of 4.0).

Enquiries
Enquiries about the exchange or academic content may be directed to Ms Sally Parrott, School of Vocational Business Education, email sally.parrott@rmit.edu.au.

Expressions of Interest
To be considered for a place on this exchange, you must email sally.parrott@rmit.edu.au who will send you a link to an Expression of Interest Googleform.

Submissions close on Friday 20 March.

Student Testimonials
“The exchange was a rewarding educational experience and has given me a broader insight into the program I am studying and a clear direction for my professional development.”
—Hamish Pink, 2012 exchange

‘I had the chance to take part in professional development competitions which are held outside the state, and give you an experience that is hard to put a value on.’
—Dylan Turnbull, 2010 exchange

‘The overseas exchange was great on an academic level, and I also had an amazing time travelling in my spare time. After returning, I am now a stronger and more confident person.’
—Hannah Chipp, 2009 exchange

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