

Study Abroad Program Evaluation

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Student Name:

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Program/University Name (ex. Kadir Has University Exchange):

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Semester/Year Abroad: Study Abroad Site (City & Country)

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Major(s): Minor(s):

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**PROGRAM SELECTION**

1. What were your primary motivations for studying abroad?

2. Do you feel you met these goals?

3. How did you find out about your program?

4. What factors led you to select this program over others?

5. What academic or personal adjustments to your plans did you make to accommodate study abroad?

6. Were you satisfied with the length of time you studied abroad? Why or why not?

**SUPPORT FROM THE OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS**

1. Did you receive adequate support form International Programs in selecting and applying to a study abroad program?

2. What suggestions do you have for improvement?

3. Which individual(s) helped in making your decision if and where to study abroad? (*Check all that apply)*

Study Abroad Advisor

Academic Adviser

Professor/Mentor

Family

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Other  Describe \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**ON-SITE (“In-Country”) SUPPORT**

1. Did you receive adequate support and advising from the on-site program staff and, if applicable, from their U.S. counterparts, before and during your time abroad?   
   Please explain.

1. Did your program/university provide an on-site orientation?  Yes  No  
   If yes, what did it involve? Comments:

1. Did the orientation provide sufficient information and/or resources to help you understand:

Cultural differences in language and concepts in regard to

race, gender, religion, sexual orientation in the host culture:  Yes  No

Differences in academic structures, classroom expectations,

assessment methods at the host university/program:  Yes  No

Comments:

1. Did your program/university provide activities or excursions?  Yes  No  
    Please explain.

**ACADEMICS**

1. List the courses you took abroad and evaluate each.

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| **Course Title** | **Level of Difficulty**  ***(5 = very challenging,***  ***1 = too easy)*** | **Level of Satisfaction**  ***(5 = very satisfied, 1 = dissatisfied)*** |
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1. How was your academic work evaluated? Check all that apply.

Written exams  Field site reports

Oral exams  Independent projects

Research papers  Attendance/participation

Class discussion

1. Did you have a wide variety of courses to choose from? Please explain.

1. What did the academic culture of your study abroad program compare to Roosevelt? You may wish to address level of difficulty, quality of instruction, expectations of professors, course structure, and workload.

1. Who were your fellow students? Were they primarily students from the U.S., students from the host country, or international students from many countries?

1. Did you do research or participate in an internship

or service learning placement abroad?  Yes  No

If yes, was this part of your study abroad program?  Yes  No

Describe the experience/project.

**HOUSING & MEALS**

1. Where did you live? Please select one and rate.

Very satisfied Satisfied Dissatisfied

Host family

Dorm/Residential College

Apartment

Other (please describe):

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1. If you shared a room, your roommates were (check all that apply):

Other American students

International students (not from American universities and not from host country)

Students from the host country

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Other:

1. If you lived in a dorm, residential college, or apartment, the other students were (check all that apply):

Other American students

International students (not Americans and not from host country)

Students from the host country

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Other:

1. Describe your living situation. If applicable, how did your housing situation influence your language acquisition and your ability to experience the culture of your host country?

1. Were meals provided?  Yes  No  
   Please describe:

1. How did your housing situation help or hinder your ability to experience the culture of your host country?

**SOCIAL & CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

1. What cultural and social adjustments did you make in your host country?

1. In what settings did you interact with locals?

Class  Errands

Housing  Extracurricular Activities

Service learning  Internships

Other (please describe)

1. How might others best get to know the people and culture of your host country before and while abroad?

1. Did you travel? If so, where? How often?

1. Were you involved in any extracurricular activities? Which ones?

*Check all that apply*  *How did you find out about these opportunities?*

Student Groups

Volunteering

Formal sport teams

Informal sport

Other

Comments:

1. What are the specific considerations relating to religion, gender, sexual orientation, race and ethnicity, disability or other differences in cultural attitudes that others studying abroad in your host country should research before going?

**HEALTH, SAFETY & TRAVEL**

1. Were there any health concerns (extreme pollution, food/water issues, for example) related to your host country that students should know about?  Yes  No

If yes, please explain.

1. What recommendations about personal safety and safe travel can you give to outbound students?

**FINANCES**

1. How much should a future student anticipate spending on personal expenses for one semester on your program (excluding one-time travel costs to and from country)?

Less than $750  $1500-2000  $3000-3500

$750-1000  $2000-2500  $3500-4000

$1000-1500  $2500-3000  $4000 & over

Comments:

1. What was the best way to access funds while you were abroad?

1. What advice do you have for students to budget and spend money wisely?

**OVERALL ASSESSMENT**

1. Describe some of the positive aspects of your time abroad.

2. What were some challenges you faced abroad?

3. What steps did you take to maximize the experience on your own, given the pre-departure and on-site resources available to you?

4. Has study abroad influenced the direction of your life academically, professionally and/or personally? Please describe:

5. Would you recommend this program to other Roosevelt students? Why or why not?

6. What type of student is be best suited for this program?

7. What do you wish you had known before you left that no one told you?

**LANGUAGE LEARNING (if applicable)**

1. What was your highest language course prior to study abroad?

1. Was this adequate preparation to succeed on your program?  Yes  No
2. Please rate the following: Excellent Good Fair Poor

Your proficiency before the program:

Reading

Writing

Speaking

Listening Comprehension

Language instruction on the program

Your program’s commitment to language learning

Your proficiency after the program:

Reading

Writing

Speaking

Listening Comprehension

1. I used the host country language outside of the classroom:

On a daily basis

Often

Sometimes

Almost never

Other (Please explain.)

1. If you took all or some of your regular subject courses (e.g. history, economics, etc.) in a foreign language, were you adequately prepared?

1. Do you plan to continue studying the language at Roosevelt?  Yes  No
2. Do you plan to use your acquired language skills in an academic or professional setting post-graduation? If yes, please explain in what context.