



STUDY ABROAD EVALUATION

Welcome back! We are glad that you had the opportunity to participate in a study abroad program. Now that you've returned, we ask that you complete this evaluation to share your experiences with other students and the Study Abroad staff. Your complete and honest answers help everyone to learn more about what your program was really like.

Name (opt) _____

Program locations _____

Program name _____

Program dates _____

Program sponsor _____

1. ARRIVAL OVERSEAS/ON-SITE ORIENTATION

Please recommend accommodations for future students who may arrive prior to the beginning of their program.

If your program had an orientation, what did it cover and how did it help you adapt?

2. PROGRAM SITE

Describe the campus and surrounding community.

3. HOUSING

What housing options were available to you? Which did you choose and why? What would you recommend?

4. ACADEMICS

We would like to know about the teaching system at your study site: How were classes conducted? How did you adapt to the methods of instruction, teacher/student relations, grading/exams/assignments? Describe the administrative support library resources and computer access, etc. at your study site.

5. CULTURAL ASPECTS

What kind of contact did you have with native students? American students? How did you integrate into the culture and meet members of the community (e.g. sports, clubs, pubs, etc)?

Describe cultural differences and challenges you encountered and how you addressed them (social etiquette, gender issues, stereotypes, etc.)

How did you cope with cultural adjustment issues during your time abroad?

6. HEALTH AND SAFETY

If you used your health insurance while overseas, were you satisfied with your coverage and the medical service you received?

Please describe any health or safety concerns (e.g. quality of medical facilities, unsafe districts, theft, etc.) associated with the study abroad experience

7. FINANCIAL

What is the best way to access/transfer money while studying abroad?

How much spending money do you recommend per month? Please include living expenses (rent, food, transportation, etc.) and traveling money?

Please note any unexpected expenses you incurred.

8. TRAVEL

Did you travel before, during or after your program? Based on your experience, what is the best way to travel (e.g. train, plane, bus, etc.)?

9. PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION

Please comment on the effectiveness of Drake's International Programs and Services office. What services do you feel could be improved? What services did you find beneficial?

Please comment on the services of the site director/international office on your study abroad program.

10. PROGRAM/STUDENT TYPE

Please describe the type of student for whom your program is best suited.

11. GENERAL ADVICE

What other things would you tell a prospective student about this program or your travels? Would you recommend this program to other students? Why or why not?

12. OVERALL EXPERIENCE

What were your major goals when you applied for this program? Did they change while you were overseas? How realistic were your expectations, both academic and personal?

What, if anything, would you do differently to prepare yourself better for your study abroad experience?

Please discuss the impact of your study abroad program on you, both academically and personally.

Please return this evaluation to:

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