Ohio University Study Abroad Program Evaluation

Please complete the following program evaluation. Be as candid and thoughtful as possible.

Please return completed forms to the Office of Education Abroad, 15 Walter International Education Center.

Today’s Date Name (optional)

Program Name Program Location

Program Sponsor (if other than OU) Program Dates

Courses Taken

1. Participant
   1. Was this your first trip abroad?  Yes  No

If no, please describe briefly your previous experience(s) abroad:

* 1. Rate your reasons for participating in order of importance to you.

Not important Very important

1 2 3 4 5

To study courses in my major

To study courses outside major

To see places or events of interest

To experience another culture

To be independent

For rest, recreation or a change

List additional goals you wanted to accomplish by studying abroad:

Please indicate the extent to which you were able to achieve your goals:

1. Orientation

Please indicate your level of satisfaction with your orientation program(s). If orientation was not provided, please circle “Not Applicable.”

Not Extremely Extremely

Applicable Dissatisfied Satisfied

0 1 2 3 4 5

Program-specific orientation

with Director

OEA Bobcats Abroad orientation

On-site orientation

What additional information would have been helpful to have prior to departure?

On-Site Support Services

Please indicate your level of satisfaction with each resource. If a resource was unavailable or you did not use it, please circle “Not Applicable.”

Not Extremely Extremely

Applicable Dissatisfied Satisfied

0 1 2 3 4 5

Program Director

On-site academic advising

On-site personal advising/support

Instructional resources

Instructional facilities

Health services

Recreational facilities

Coordination between host and

sponsoring institution

1. Transportation
   1. Transportation between the U.S. and the host country arranged by
   2. Please describe your impressions of program-arranged travel (buses, train, etc.)
   3. Additional Comments:
2. Food and Housing
   1. What housing was provided? Rate your level of satisfaction with your housing.

Not Extremely Extremely

Applicable Dissatisfied Satisfied

0 1 2 3 4 5

University housing

Host family accommodations

Apartments

Hotels

Other:

* 1. Where did you eat your meals? Indicate your level of satisfaction with each source.

0 1 2 3 4 5

University dining hall

Restaurant or cafeteria

Cooked own meals

Host family

Other:

* 1. Comments:

1. Academic Program
   1. I feel I was correctly placed in my class(es) abroad.  Yes  No

If no, please explain why:

* 1. Classes were as rigorous as OU classes.  more  same  less
  2. What advantages (if any) did you gain from taking classes in the host country rather than at OU?
  3. Indicate the extent to which each of the following formats characterized your academic program

Not at all Extremely

1 2 3 4 5

Course lectures

Course discussions

Individual or small group tutorials

Field trips

Other:

* 1. By what means was your academic performance evaluated? (check all that apply)

written exams

oral exams or presentations

papers

class participation

projects

other:

* 1. Please indicate your level of agreement with each statement by circling the appropriate response.

Strongly Strongly

Disagree Agree

1 2 3 4 5

Prerequisites were reasonable.

This was the wrong program for me.

Instructors were effective.

Criteria for student evaluation were fair.

Program was intellectually challenging.

The same material is covered at OU.

Creative work/ideas were recognized.

Instructors were stimulating.

Students were stimulating.

I was free to work at my own pace.

Grading was adequately explained up front.

* 1. Please rate your overall academic experience:

Extremely Extremely

Dissatisfied Satisfied

1 2 3 4 5

* 1. Comments:

1. Cost
   1. Do you feel that you were accurately informed of the total out-of-pocket costs of the program?  Yes  No

If no, please explain:

* 1. How much would you recommend that a student going on this program take for personal expenses (including meals not included in the program cost)?

$500 - $750  $750 - $1,000

$1,000 - $1,500  $1,500 - $2,000

$2,000-$2,500  over $2,500

* 1. In which categories did you spend the most money?(e.g. food, local transportation, independent travel, books, postage, phone, gifts, entertainment, other)
  2. What was your biggest unexpected expense?

1. Individual Development
   1. Please indicate your level of agreement with each statement by circling the appropriate response.

Strongly Strongly

Disagree Agree

1 2 3 4 5

Study abroad has made me more receptive

to different ideas

I’ve gained better insight into myself.

I have a greater sense of self-confidence.

I have increased interest in social issues.

My interest in world events has increased.

My interest in the arts has increased.

My experience has changed my plans for

my major

My experience has changed my career plans.

My tolerance of other people and customs

has increased.

I understand the U.S. better.

My ability to adapt to new situations has

increased.

I am more interested in academics.

B. Language skills (if applicable): Excellent Good Fair Poor

Your proficiency before the program

Your proficiency after the program

1. Social and Cultural Experience

Strongly Strongly

Disagree Agree

Sufficient contact with host country

nationals.

Sufficient contact with other internationals.

Too much contact with Americans.

I was able to form close friendships

with internationals.

Program structure facilitated contact with

the local culture.

1. Overall Evaluation
   1. How satisfied are you with your study abroad experience?
   2. What was the most satisfactory aspect of the program? Explain.
   3. What was the least satisfactory aspect of the program? Explain.
   4. What are the main benefits you received as a result of your experience abroad?
   5. What students are best suited for program?
   6. What students should not enroll in this program?
   7. What changes would you make in the program?
   8. Before studying abroad, what do you wish you had known?
   9. Please add any other comments or suggestions:

May we release your name to students interested in this program?  Yes  No

Would you be interested in helping with future orientations for program participants?  Yes  No

Please return this evaluation to:

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