

EVALUATION FOR NON-TEMPLE STUDY ABROAD PROGRAMS

Thank you in advance for completing this questionnaire. Your responses will be kept in a binder for future students to review as they look for a non-Temple study abroad program, so your honest assessment is very important.

On occasion we like to include student quotes from study abroad in Temple publications. All quotations used will be anonymous.

_____ Please check here only if you do NOT want your quotes to be used.

Name (optional): _____

Major(-s): _____ Semester/Year of Participation: _____

Email (include only if you give permission for students to contact you): _____

City and country where you studied: _____

Sponsoring institution or program: _____

Was the program affiliated with a foreign university? Yes / No

If so, which one? _____

ACADEMICS

Before you left the country, did you take any courses at Temple that were relevant or helpful to your cultural or historical awareness of the host country? If so, which ones?

Please list all the courses taken abroad:

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| 1. _____ | 6. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 7. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 8. _____ |
| 4. _____ | 9. _____ |
| 5. _____ | 10. _____ |

In what language were courses conducted? _____ Size of classes: _____

Did you have classes with students of the host country? Yes / No

How many of your instructors were from the host country? _____ From the U.S.? _____

What computer facilities did you use for word processing, Internet access, and email? Comment on access.

Comment briefly on the academic aspect of your program. How did the educational system differ from Temple? What did you find particularly challenging about your academic coursework? What type of work was required and how were you evaluated (papers, exams, orals, etc)?

Please comment on any courses that were outstanding and you would recommend, and any that were disappointing.

1. Course title: _____

Taught by: _____

Comments on quality: _____

2. Course title: _____

Taught by: _____

Comments on quality: _____

3. Course title: _____

Taught by: _____

Comments on quality: _____

Language (complete only if you studied in a non-English speaking country)

What courses in the language did you take at Temple prior to the study abroad program?

Upon arrival in the host country, was your linguistic ability adequate for classes and getting around in general?

Please rate your language ability prior to the study abroad program:

(no knowledge) 0 1 2 3 4 5 (fluent or near fluent)

Please rate your language ability after the study abroad program:

(no knowledge) 0 1 2 3 4 5 (fluent or near fluent)

What activities outside of class helped you most with learning the language?

Study Abroad Program Administration and Organization

Prior to departure, were you able to receive answers from the U.S. sponsoring institution or the host university in a timely fashion? Please comment on the pre-departure materials you received, as well as your communication with the sponsoring institution.

During your time abroad, were the on-site staff and the program director or the international student office at your host university accessible and helpful? Did you feel comfortable approaching them with academic, cultural, or personal issues?

Was there a pre-departure orientation? _____ An on-site orientation? _____ If so, please comment on their overall helpfulness:

As a whole, did the program seem organized? _____

Please describe the ways in which the program fostered cultural understanding and interaction with people from the host country:

Did you participate in these activities? _____

Would you recommend this **program** to other students? _____

Housing and Meals

Describe your living arrangements: _____

Were you satisfied with your living arrangements? Why or why not? _____

Did your living arrangements contribute to your understanding of the culture and your ability to meet people from the host country? If so, how?

Where did you eat your meals? _____

If you are on a special diet (e.g. Kosher, vegetarian, etc.), how were you able to accommodate it?

Culture

Please describe your own efforts to meet people and understand the culture of your host country.

What were the greatest cultural and social challenges of adjusting to life abroad?

What advice do you have for students planning to study abroad that might help them adjust to the host culture?

What did you learn about U.S. culture from your study abroad experience?

Program Location and Travel

What were your impressions of the city/area where your program was located?

Please list other cities or countries you traveled to during your study abroad experience.

What mode(-s) of transportation did you use when traveling? Did you purchase a rail pass?

Are there travel guide books or novels about the host country that you recommend?

Finances

What was the length of your program? _____ semester _____ academic year _____ summer

What was the cost of your program (paid to program sponsor or host university)? _____

What costs (e.g. airfare, books, meals, etc) were NOT included in these fees? _____

Excluding personal travel and the program fees, how much money did you spend? _____

Describe your spending habits. Were you maintaining a tight budget? Spending freely? Somewhere in between?

Compare the cost of living in your host country to the cost of living in Philadelphia with regard to dining out, groceries, clothing, entertainment, transportation, and toiletries:

How did you access money while abroad? (ATMs, credit card, traveler's checks, money transfer, etc.)

Did you have problems with any of these? What did you find to be the most convenient, reliable, and cost effective way to access money?

How did you fund your study abroad experience? (Personal funds, parental support, loans, financial aid, scholarship, etc) If you won a scholarship, who sponsored it?

Miscellaneous

What do you consider the most important personal, academic, professional, or social results of your experience abroad?

What is your advice for students who wish to go abroad? Be as general or as specific you wish (predeparture preparations, countries or cities to visit, what to bring, what to wear, travel passes, health issues, safety, classes to take, etc).

Please return this form to:
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Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire! If you return this evaluation in person to International Programs, we will give you a small token of our appreciation.