

Name _____

Host University _____

Semester of Exchange Fall 20 ___ Spring 20 ___

EXCHANGE EVALUATION

I. Accommodations at Host University

What type of setting did you live in? (i.e. University housing, host family, apartment, etc.)

What did your accommodations include and would you recommend to the next exchange student?

What do you recommend that future students do, bring, expect, etc...to make future arrangements more satisfactory?

How were housing arrangements made? How did you find out about arrangements and receive your mailing address? Was there an opportunity to change arrangements?

Was housing available during school holidays? If not, what other arrangements did you have to make?

Was a car or bicycle necessary? Why or why not?

How was incoming and outgoing mail handled? Was this satisfactory?

How were incoming and outgoing telephone calls handled? Was this satisfactory? Do you recommend purchasing a cell phone in the host country?

How could personal items be shipped to or from your host country?

What about shopping in your host country? (i.e. how accessible, did you easily find what you were looking for, etc.?)

What clothing did you find most useful in your host country? Packing suggestions?

II. Food

How did you get your meals? (i.e. University dining hall or cafeteria, restaurant, cooked, host family etc...)

If your exchange provided meals how were funds provided?

Were you satisfied with the meal arrangements? Why or why not?

How did prices for food compare to the U.S.?

Did you have any choice concerning meal arrangements?

What foods did you missed while living in your host country?

List any particular meals or restaurants that you would recommend to future students.

What recommendations, advice or words of wisdom can you offer for future students?

III. Travel (arrival and departure)

Was your air travel satisfactory? Y/N
Explain why or why not, what carrier/service you used etc...

Was in-country travel satisfactory? Y/N
Explain why or why not.

Did travel to your host country require any immunizations, physicals, etc...?
If yes, please describe.

What immunizations or physicals, if any, were required **after** arrival?

What insurance did you purchase for the study abroad? Did the host institution requires any additional coverage and if so, what?

Did travel to your host country require obtaining a visa? If so, how was this obtained?

Please write any suggestions or comments that may help future students making their travel arrangements.

Vacation travel: What was the vacation time allotted?

Did the host university sponsor travel? If so, to what locations?

Did you travel alone or in groups? Was it easy to find traveling companions?

Were travel arrangements difficult to make in your host country? How? Where? When?
Etc...

How much did you spend on travel during the exchange?

What methods of travel did you use? (Eurail, Interrail, air, train, etc...)

How safe was travel in your host country? Other countries? What safety measures do you recommend for future students?

Did your additional travel require any visas?
If yes, how did you obtain? Do you have any suggestions for this process?

List any additional suggestions for prospective students?

IV. Money

How did you fund your study abroad?

List below the percentage provided from each of the sources:

_____ Scholarships, Fellowships, & Grants from Texas A&M University
_____ Scholarships, Fellowships, & Grants from other sources – please specify:

_____ Loans
_____ Family
_____ Personal Savings

How did you handle money in the host country? Is a bank account needed or recommended? Please add any information about money transfers, monetary exchange etc...

Would you suggest your method or did you later discover an easier method?

Exclusive of TAMU tuition, fees, and study abroad program fees (if applicable), how much did you spend during the period of your exchange? \$_____. List below the amounts for each area.

Airfare =

Pre-trip expenses =

Housing =

Food =

Travel =

Transportation =

Entertainment =

Nightlife =

Textbooks =

Phone =

How much do you recommend a future student budget per week? \$_____

What did you find yourself spending your extra money on?

DAILY:

WEEKLY/MONTHLY:

IN GENERAL:

List ways future students could better spend their money, budget, cut costs, etc.....

List any additional recommendations, suggestions, and words of wisdom.

V. Individual Development as a Result of Studying Abroad

	strongly AGREE		strongly DISAGREE		
a. I have gained better insight into myself as a result of studying abroad.	1	2	3	4	5
b. Study abroad has made me more receptive to different ideas and ways of seeing the world.	1	2	3	4	5
c. I have a greater sense of independence or self confidence due to living and studying abroad.	1	2	3	4	5
d. Study abroad has increased my interest in social issues.	1	2	3	4	5
e. My interest in world events has increased.	1	2	3	4	5
f. My interest in the arts has increased.	1	2	3	4	5
g. My experience abroad has changed my career plans.	1	2	3	4	5
h. My career plans are now more uncertain.	1	2	3	4	5
i. My interest in language learning has increased.	1	2	3	4	5
j. My tolerance of other people and their customs has increased.	1	2	3	4	5
k. I understand the U.S. better.	1	2	3	4	5
l. I like the U.S. better.	1	2	3	4	5

	strongly AGREE			strongly DISAGREE	
m. My ability to adapt to new situations has increased.	1	2	3	4	5
n. I became more interested in academic study	1	2	3	4	5
o. My major has changed, or probably will change as a result of this program.	1	2	3	4	5

COMMENTS:

VI. School

	poor	fair	good	excellent
Language skills (if applicable).				
Your proficiency before the program.	_____	_____	_____	_____
Language training on the program.	_____	_____	_____	_____
Your proficiency after the program.	_____	_____	_____	_____
The level of proficiency you recommend for beginning the program.	_____	_____	_____	_____

Please explain:

Did you enroll in a language preparation class when you arrived? If so which one? Would you recommend it? Cost?

How much difference do you think language proficiency made in what you got from your total experience abroad? Please explain:

Describe your host institution's education system and how it differs from that of the U.S. Be sure to include topics such as professors, class size, days in class-scheduling, advisors, exams, books, class work, dates of the semester, field-trips and/or school sponsored trips, grading system, etc...

How difficult did you find your adjustment to the differences? What would you recommend for future exchange students?

How do you expect that your grades from reciprocal exchange will compare to grades you earn at TAMU?

What medical facilities were provided at your Host university? Did you find them adequate, and was there a cost?

VII. Social and Cultural Experience

Were you satisfied with the amount of interaction with host country nationals? Why or why not?

Internationals? Why or why not?

How much contact did you encounter with other Americans? Was this too much? Too little? Why or why not?

Where you able to witness and participate in the local culture? If so, how? (i.e. did the host institution staff help? the program structure? national students? etc...)

Did you make any close national or international friends? Do you think you will keep in touch with these people?

Did you experience culture shock upon arrival in your host country? Upon return? What did you experience? How did you deal with it? Do you have any suggestions for future students?

What cultural embarrassments, if any, did you encounter while abroad? Please describe.

VIII. Overall Evaluation

	strongly AGREE			strongly DISAGREE	
	1	2	3	4	5
I would recommend this program to a friend.	1	2	3	4	5
I look forward to another international experience.	1	2	3	4	5
Overall, my study abroad experience was excellent.	1	2	3	4	5

How would you compare what you gained abroad with what you would have gained in comparable time at your home university?

Please explain:

IX. Formative Feedback

What do you consider the most desirable characteristic of the exchange program?

What do you consider the least desirable characteristic of the exchange program?

What are the primary benefits that you derived from participation in reciprocal exchange?

Different students have different sorts of objectives in reciprocal exchange/study abroad, as well as different levels of preparation, and no one program is right for everyone. For what kinds of students, if any, would you recommend this exchange program?

What kinds of students, if any, would you especially recommend NOT enroll in this exchange?

If you were responsible for planning and implementing the program in which you participated, what changes would you make?

Before studying abroad, what didn't you know that you wish you had known?

Did you have any problems after returning?

X. Additional Evaluation Comments:

Return this completed form **within one month** of your return to campus to Karen Burke in the Center for International Business Studies, 230D Wehner.