

STUDY ABROAD EVALUATION

Santa Clara University International Programs

This form will take 10-15 minutes to complete adequately.
Please take the time to give us complete & thorough answers –
you will greatly help both our office and future students.

Your Name (optional) _____

Program and Location/Institution attended _____

Participation (check one): ? Fall term ? Spring term ? Full Year ? Summer YEAR: 200__

Do you wish you had gone for a longer or shorter period of time abroad, or was the time you chose just right?

PRIOR SOURCES OF INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROGRAM OR INSTITUTION

How did you learn about the study abroad program/institution that you attended?

What factors influenced your decision as to where to study/with which program?

PREPARING TO GO ABROAD

What kind of preparations did you make on your own (for example, did you buy and read a travel guide, talk to people who had traveled to your study site, study the language more)?

What preparation steps would you recommend to other students going on your program?

How did you make your travel arrangements? Did you have any problems getting to the initial arrival point?

If you did the group flight option, would you recommend it?

What kinds of things can students expect during the on-site orientation when they first get there?

Were there optional aspects to the orientation? Do you recommend them?

BE THE ADVISOR:

Talk to future study abroad students about things they are wondering about, such as:

- ? Your ease/difficulty of adjustment to the new culture
- ? Your thoughts about the initiation into the host country (field trips, homestays, etc.) provided by the program
- ? Your degree of "integration" into the life and society of the host country, tips on how to do it
- ? Your relationships among fellow students and/or local people
- ? Important extracurricular or non-academic aspects of your experience (recommendations?)

THE NITTY-GRITTY SECTION
(Important details that future students want to know!)

PROGRAM COURSES

Please comment on the academic work load (required readings, reports, papers, exams, etc.) in comparison with a quarter at SCU.

Are there courses or instructors that you would highly recommend to a future student? Do not recommend? Why?

In comparison with SCU, how would you rate these aspects of your academic experience (Circle choice for each):

Quality of Instruction: Equivalent Program better SCU better

Content of courses: Equivalent Program better SCU better

Intellectual challenge in courses: Equivalent Program better SCU better

Academic pressure for achievement: Equivalent Program better SCU better

Intellectual caliber of fellow students: Equivalent Program better SCU better

Faculty interest in and involvement with students: Equivalent Program better SCU better

Individualized assistance provided: Equivalent Program better SCU better

Do you have any comments on the above?

PROGRAM LANGUAGE & CULTURE

Were classes conducted in a foreign language or in English? If it was a mix, what percentages of each?

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

Where were your teachers from? Host country ____ U.S.A. ____ A mixture of both ____

PROGRAM LIBRARY FACILITIES

Did the program have available an adequate library of its own? Yes ____ No ____

If no, why not?

Did it facilitate access to other local/university libraries if you needed it? Yes ____ No ____ Don't Know ____

How were the computer and internet resources?

- ? Excellent, could use it whenever I wanted to
- ? Adequate for academic needs
- ? Poor, not adequate for my academic needs

How often did you use Internet Cafes?

Did you bring a laptop? YES ____ NO ____ Would you recommend bringing one?

LANGUAGE PREPARATION (if applicable)

How much had you studied the language of your host country before you left? _____

Was your previous language preparation sufficient for your class work? How about for daily life?

Please describe your use of language abroad. How well do you feel that you learned and used the language?

What recommendations do you have to future students about learning/using the language if they do your program?

INTERNSHIPS (if applicable to your experience)

Where did you intern? For how many hours a week?

Describe the duties of your internship:

What was the process for finding an internship? Did your program assist you in finding one?

Was your internship for major/minor credit? Yes ____ No ____

If you had to choose all over again, would you choose to do an internship abroad?

STAFF AT YOUR CENTER/PROGRAM

While you were abroad, was there a person in your program available to whom you could turn for academic advice, personal counseling, and/or assistance?

Were there kinds of help you wanted but that were not available?

Tell us a little about your perceptions of the staff of your program (helpfulness, effectiveness, interest in students, knowledge): *Note: Program staff might include people like a Director, Student Services Coordinator, Internship Coordinator, Counselor, etc.*

OUT-OF-POCKET COSTS (other than the program charges you were billed for)

Please list how much you spent (in \$ U.S.) for each category.

This is an estimate for what I spent in an average ? week ? month ? semester

Meals/Snacks (not included in program fee) _____ Travel _____ "Going Out"/Entertainment _____

Local transport _____ Personal (Toiletries, Laundry, Postage) _____ Internet Access _____

Clothing/Souvenirs/Gifts _____ Other expenses? _____

Comments on how much you spent/recommendations for other students:

Was accurate, advance information given to you by your study abroad program about living expenses and other costs you would incur? Yes _____ No _____ (If no, what information do you wish you'd been given?)

SOCIAL AND GENERAL

Where did you live? (circle) On-Campus Housing Host Family Apt w/ Americans Apt w/ locals

Other (please specify) _____

Were you satisfied with your housing situation? Would you recommend it?

What kind of study abroad housing arrangement do **you** think is best for a student to choose? Why?

OTHER THOUGHTS . . .

How would you change the program if it were totally under your control?

Did your career plans or other personal goals change as a result of this experience?

How did **you** change as a result of studying abroad?

OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS AT SANTA CLARA

Please rate the following: A=excellent; B=good; C=fair; D=poor; NA=not applicable/did not attend

Promotional/Awareness Events (Study Abroad Week, Student Planning Day, etc.) A B C D NA

Information provided by IP about your options for studying abroad A B C D NA

Information available about your program specifically A B C D NA

Individual Advising you received from International Programs (if any) A B C D NA

Please use this space to elaborate on any issue. Is there anything you would have liked the International Programs Office to provide that was not available? Other comments?

INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS WEBSITE (www.scu.edu/studyabroad)

What features of the website did you use?

- ? News & Updates
- ? Study Abroad Information
- ? Course Approvals Online
- ? Study Abroad Handbook Online
- ? Academic Minors (Intl Studies and Intl Business)
- ? International Club/Peer Advisors List

Any comments about the website, or specific suggestions for improvement?

PRE-DEPARTURE ORIENTATION AND INFORMATION AT SANTA CLARA

Did you attend the mandatory pre-departure orientation sessions? What did you find most/least helpful about them?

Did you read the handbook that was distributed? What were the most/least helpful or interesting sections?

Any suggestions for what we can include in the handbook that's not in there now?

OTHER COMMENTS ABOUT "THE SANTA CLARA SIDE" OF THE STUDYING ABROAD PROCESS?

THANK YOU! Your answers will help future students.