STUDY ABROAD PROGRAM EVALUATION SURVEY

As a study abroad returnee, you are one of the most valuable resources that WC students need in order to make informed decisions about their study aboard choices. As you know, your program literature may or may not have portrayed the program as you experienced it. This is your opportunity to tell other WC students what the program was really like.

Please take a few minutes to complete this survey candidly so as to provide the best advice possible to your peers. Unless indicated below, this survey will be kept in a file for prospective study abroad participants to read and benefit from your observations, personal knowledge and first-hand experience. Again, your frankness and honesty are most important.

Thank you for completing this evaluation form. Its usefulness depends solely on your cooperation.

_____Please do not release this information to students. I have provided these answers for the benefit of the Study Abroad Office only.
_____Please include my response in the Program Evaluations File for the others students to use.

Please provide your name, address, and phone number if and only if it is ok for prospective study abroad students to contact you for additional information. If you do not want to provide this data, please skip to the "Program Information" section.

Name: _____ Email: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Campus Address: _____ Home Address:_____

_____ _____

_____ _____

PROGRAM EVALUATION

Name of Program: _____

Type of Program:_____

City and Country where you studied abroad:_____

Dates Attended: Fall semester _____ Spring semester _____ Academic Year _____

Status while abroad (SO, JR, SR): _____

Academic Major(s): Pre-departure _____
Current_____

Academic Minor(s): Pre-departure_____
Current_____

ACADEMIC PROGRAM

My program of study was:

_____ Strictly language study _____ language/literature/culture/history

_____ Thematic (i.e. business, art) _____ variety of subjects

_____ Other (specify):_____

The language(s) of instruction was (were):_____

Instruction was provided by:

_____ all non-U.S. instructors _____ primarily non-U.S. instructors

The courses I took were:

_____ special courses for students from WC _____ special course for U.S. students only

_____ special courses for all foreign students _____ regular host institution courses

The courses included:	**Mostly**	**Some**	**Not at all**
Lectures	1	2	3
Tutorials	1	2	3
Class Discussions	1	2	3
Internships	1	2	3
Field Research	1	2	3
Field Trips	1	2	3

Other (describe)_____

Academic performance was assessed:

_____ continuously or repeated _____ once at the end for the course _____ both, depending on the course

Academic performance was assessed by: (check all that apply)

_____ written exams _____ oral exams _____ papers

_____ “pop” quizzes _____ class attendance _____ participation in the class discussion

LANGUAGE TRAINING

Before studying abroad I had completed _____ years in high school and _____ years in college of the host country language training. The last language course I took at WC was at the _____ level.

	Excellent	**Good**	**Fair**	**Poor**
My proficiency before the program	_____	_____	_____	_____
Language training in the program	_____	_____	_____	_____
My proficiency now	_____	_____	_____	_____
My preparation for the language aspect of the program	_____	_____	_____	_____

How much difference do you think language proficiency made in what you got from the total experience abroad?

No difference				Tremendous difference
1	2	3	4	5

FOOD AND HOUSING

Did the program provide housing? **Y _____ N _____**

Did the program provide meals? **Y _____ N _____**

Did you have a choice of where you lived? **Y _____ N _____**

Did you have a choice of where you ate? **Y _____ N _____**

In what type of setting did you live? If you lived in more than one setting, number them chronologically, and indicate your level of satisfaction with each setting.

	Extremely Satisfied				Extremely Dissatisfied
_____ host family	1	2	3	4	5
_____ residence hall	1	2	3	4	5
_____ apartment	1	2	3	4	5
_____ other (specify) _____	1	2	3	4	5

I lived:

_____ alone

_____ primarily with U.S. students

_____ primarily with natives of the host country

_____ primarily with natives of other countries

Where did you eat? Check all that apply. Indicate your level of satisfaction with each.

	Extremely Satisfied				Extremely Dissatisfied
_____ host family	1	2	3	4	5
_____ university dining hall	1	2	3	4	5
_____ restaurant or café	1	2	3	4	5
_____ prepared own meals	1	2	3	4	5

SOCIAL AND CULTURAL EXPERIENCE

Please indicate how much opportunity you had for the following:

	Ample Opportunity				No Opportunity
a. contact with host country nationals	1	2	3	4	5
b. contact with other internationals	1	2	3	4	5
c. forming friendships with internationals	1	2	3	4	5
d. seeing how a wide variety of people lived in the host culture	1	2	3	4	5
e. visiting museums, historical points of interest either alone or with the program	1	2	3	4	5

FIELD COMPONENT

Were field trips offered as a part of your academic program? Yes ___ No ____

a. How many were offered? _____

b. Were they required? _____ c. How many did you take?____

d. Were they relevant? _____ e. Were they well organized?_____

ASSESSMENT OF THE ACADEMIC PROGRAM

	All				None
I could get the courses that I wanted	1	2	3	4	5
The courses I took in my major fulfilled WC requirements for my major	1	2	3	4	5
The courses I took in my minor fulfilled WC requirements for my minor	1	2	3	4	5

Because I studied abroad, the length of time I need to complete my WC degree will

_____ shorten _____no change _____lengthen

By how much will this length of time change? _____

	Heavy				**Light**
The workload was	1	2	3	4	5
	Formal				**Informal**
The instruction was	1	2	3	4	5
	Better than WC				**Worse than WC**
The instruction was	1	2	3	4	5
	Always				**Never**
The instructors were available for questions	1	2	3	4	5
	Required				**Not Required**
Self-discipline was	1	2	3	4	5
	Challenged				**Bored**
I was intellectually	1	2	3	4	5
	Agree				**Disagree**
I could have learned the same material at WC	1	2	3	4	5
	Agree				**Disagree**
The students were serious about their studies	1	2	3	4	5

In addition, the academic program was different than being at WC because: _____

COST

How did your program's cost compare to what it costs to attend WC for the same period of time?

_____ more expensive _____ less expensive _____ about the same

Besides tuition, room, meals, and airfare, on what else did you spent the most money?(check only two)

_____ more food _____ books _____ travel _____ socializing

_____ phone _____ gifts _____ field trips _____ postage

_____ other (specify_____

What do you think is the very least amount of spending money that one should bring, excluding funds for tuition, room, meals and airfare?

$_____ (per month)

What other advice do you have about costs for future students? _____

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PROGRAM'S SUPPORT SERVICES AND FACILITIES

Please indicate on the left side the extent to which each of the following resources was available and used by you. Then indicate on the right side your level of satisfaction with each resource.

	avail & used	avail but not used	not avail	very satisfied				very dissatisfied
ON-SITE:								
Program Director/Intl Office Staff	____	____	____	1	2	3	4	5
On-site academic advising	____	____	____	1	2	3	4	5
On-site personal advising/support	____	____	____	1	2	3	4	5
On-site orientation session	____	____	____	1	2	3	4	5
Instructional resources (libraries)	____	____	____	1	2	3	4	5
Instructional facilities (classrooms)	____	____	____	1	2	3	4	5
Medical/dental series	____	____	____	1	2	3	4	5
Recreational facilities	____	____	____	1	2	3	4	5
Coordination between sponsoring institution and host institution	____	____	____	1	2	3	4	5

WC OIP ADVISING AND SERVICES

Please indicate your level of satisfaction with each resource that WC OIP offers.

	Did not use	very satisfied				very dissatisfied
WC OIP advising	_____	1	2	3	4	5
Reliability/dependability of staff	_____	1	2	3	4	5
Responsiveness to requests	_____	1	2	3	4	5
Approachability of staff members	_____	1	2	3	4	5

Friendliness and courtesy	_____	1	2	3	4	5
Amount of program information	_____	1	2	3	4	5
Pre-departure orientation	_____	1	2	3	4	5
Info given about host country	_____	1	2	3	4	5
Cross-cultural preparation	_____	1	2	3	4	5
Contact w/ former participants	_____	1	2	3	4	5

Please elaborate on any items of discontentment or ideas you have on how OIP can provide better service to WC students.

OVERALL EVALUATION

Please rate your level of agreement or disagreement with each statement below.

AS A RESULT OF STUDYING ABROAD:	N/A	Strongly Agree		Strongly Disagree
I have gained better insight into myself.	0	1	2	3
I have a greater sense of independence and self-confidence.	0	1	2	3
My ability to make friends and adapt to new situations has increased.	0	1	2	3
I am more receptive to different ideas and ways of seeing the world.	0	1	2	3
I have gained a new perspective on my own country.	0	1	2	3
My interest in language learning has increased.	0	1	2	3
I have become more interested in academic Study.	0	1	2	3
I plan to change my major.	0	1	2	3
My career plans have changed or have become more focused.	0	1	2	3

Overall, how would you compare what you gained abroad with what you would have gained in a comparable period of time at your home institution?

_____ much more valuable _____ about the same

_____ more valuable _____ much less valuable

I would recommend this program to a friend. YES _____ NO _____

On a scale of 1 to 5, I would rate my overall experience as: Excellent Terrible

1 2 3 4 5

What are the most desirable aspects of the program?

What are the least desirable aspects of the program?

What are the primary benefits that you feel you derived from participation in the program?

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

What sorts of students, if any, would you NOT recommend for this program?

What level of language proficiency do you recommend for participants entering this program?

If you were responsible for planning and implementing your program, what changes would you make?

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

You have experience traveling to, from, in and around the city, region and country where you studied abroad. Many students looking to go there would love to hear your advice. In order to help students to prepare for their time abroad, we ask that you write down any advice you can think of pertaining to the following:

1. **MONEY**

2. **WHAT TO PACK**

3. **WHAT NOT TO PACK**

4. **UNSAFE AREAS TO AVOID**

5. **THE EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM**

6. **PLACES TO EAT OR BUY GROCERIES CHEAPLY**

7. **PLACES TO GO ON THE WEEKEND**

8. **ANY OTHER TRICKS OF TRAVELLING**

Thank you for completing this evaluation. Your answers and honesty are appreciated by OIP as well as by prospective students. Please return completed evaluation ASAP to:

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