



**GLOBAL EDUCATION OFFICE**

**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 abroad 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 us 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. 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 circle one) YES NO

Please allow this information to be shared with other students YES NO faculty/staff YES NO (Please circle one)

**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: \_\_\_\_\_

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**PROGRAM EVALUATION**

Name of Program: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Program: \_\_\_\_\_

City and Country where you studied abroad: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates Attended: Fall semester \_\_\_\_\_ Spring semester \_\_\_\_\_ Academic Year \_\_\_\_\_

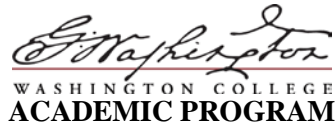
Status while abroad (SO, JR, SR): \_\_\_\_\_

Academic Major(s): Pre-departure \_\_\_\_\_

Current \_\_\_\_\_

Academic Minor(s): Pre-departure \_\_\_\_\_

Current \_\_\_\_\_



**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:**

	<b>Mostly</b>	<b>Some</b>	<b>Not at all</b>
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



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.

	<b>Excellent</b>	<b>Good</b>	<b>Fair</b>	<b>Poor</b>
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	



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? \_\_\_\_\_

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

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



**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 spend the most money?(check only two)**

\_\_\_\_\_ more food      \_\_\_\_\_ books      \_\_\_\_\_ travel      \_\_\_\_\_ socializing  
 \_\_\_\_\_ phone      \_\_\_\_\_ gifts      \_\_\_\_\_ field trips      \_\_\_\_\_ 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?** \_\_\_\_\_

**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
<b>ON-SITE:</b>							
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

  
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**WC GEO ADVISING AND SERVICES**

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

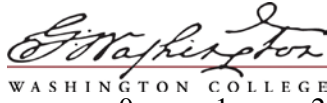
	Did not use	very satisfied					very dissatisfied
WC GEO advising _____	1	2	3	4	5		
Reliability/dependability of staff _____	1	2	3	4	5		
Responsiveness to requests _____	1	2	3	4	5		
Approachability of staff members _____	1	2	3	4	5		
Friendliness and courtesy _____	1	2	3	4	5		
Amount of program information _____	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 GEO can provide better service to WC students.**

**OVERALL EVALUATION**

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

	N/A	Strongly Agree	Strongly Disagree
<b>AS A RESULT OF STUDYING ABROAD:</b>			
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

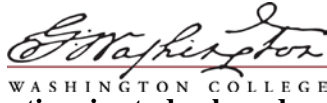
I would recommend this program to a friend. YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

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**

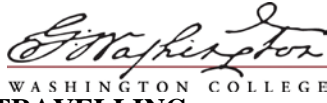
**3. WHAT NOT TO PACK**

**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 GEO as well as by prospective students. Please return completed evaluation to:**

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