

Post Study Abroad Evaluation

THE BASICS			
Your Name	[REDACTED]		
Your Program of Study/Year	4		
Host Country	TAIWAN		
Host School/Agency	SHIH CHIH UNIVERSITY		
Participation Dates	Feb to June		
Type of Study Abroad	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exchange	<input type="checkbox"/> Practicum	<input type="checkbox"/> Independent <input type="checkbox"/> Other
Section 1			
GENERAL EVALUATION			
Please rate your overall exchange experience on a scale of 1 to 10 (one being poor and 10 being exceptional)			10
In a couple of sentences, explain why you rated your experience the way you did.	There was a sufficient amount of classes and enough time to enjoy the country. The international exchange program coordinators were very accomodating.		
Section 2			
ARRIVAL			
How difficult was it for you to obtain your travel documents (visa, etc.)? <small>*Always verify immigration regulations with the consulate or embassy of your host country*</small>	Not difficult to get visa		
Describe your transportation arrangements to your host country. Would you change any part of those arrangements?	I just bought a flight through a travel agency. - Very well arranged - Private taxi picked me up, was very convenient		
How was your experience clearing customs and immigration upon arrival in your host country? Any surprises?	No problems at customs		
Describe how you traveled to your host facility. How long did it take and how much did it cost?	It was a private taxi that picked me up at the airport It cost 900 NT		
Section 3			
ORIENTATION AND ASSISTANCE			

How satisfied were you with the orientation and assistance available to at your host school/agency.	Satisfied
What help did you receive from the international staff or office? What was your impression of the international staff or office?	A lot of help was given to me by the international staff. They were very helpful, friendly, and professional. The office was impressive. They exceeded my expectations.
What was the orientation like at your partner university, if there was one? How well did it suit your needs?	The orientation was well organized and fun. No problems.
What was it like to adjust to the culture of your exchange site? Were there people you could talk to about what you were experiencing?	Yes, students that came to Kwantlen the semester before helped me a lot.
How receptive were the local people in providing assistance?	Very receptive.

Section 4

HOUSING	
Describe your accommodation arrangements.	I lived in a girls only dorm on campus.
How early could you move into housing before term and how long after the end of term were you allowed to stay?	I was allowed to move in the day stated in the paper ^{information} given to me. I think it was a couple days before and a week after.
How comfortable were you with your accommodation?	They were okay.
Describe what you did about meals and what other options were available. How satisfied were you with the food?	Meals were bought by myself and it was very affordable. I was very satisfied.
How close was your accommodation to where you had to study?	On campus.

Section 5

COURSE REGISTRATION	
Please describe the registration process at your host institution. What	Registration was simple. We had a meeting and we chose our classes.

assistance was available to you? Were you satisfied?	Yes, satisfied.
How successful were you in registering for classes? What advice would you offer to another exchange student about how to register at your host institution?	Everything was successful. I have no advice that could help more.
How many courses did you take per semester? What course load would you recommend for future students? What particular courses would you recommend to other students?	I took 4 classes This was a reasonable amount of class. I would recommend fashion design II

Section 6

ACADEMICS

How satisfied were you with the amount of knowledge/skills you obtained from your host?	I was satisfied with the amount of knowledge gained. It was about thinking differently than the structure of knowledge.
How did the style of teaching compare with that in Canada? How did the workload compare to what you would expect in Canada?	It was more open. Work load was more sane than in Canada.
How many courses did you take during your time abroad?	I took 4 classes
What impact did the language barrier have on your learning?	It was difficult in the mandarin classes but instructors translated.
What was your impression of the computer facilities, library, internet access, specialized equipment and supplies available at your host facility?	Computer facilities were decent. Library was fantastic. Internet was okay. Sewing machines were plenty but there were also many users for students competing for them.

Section 7

COSTS

Books and Supplies – per term	\$ 200
Flight	\$ 1300
Accommodation – per month	\$ 100
Meals – per month	\$ 200
Local transportation – per	\$ 200

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Health insurance – per term	I was covered by my parents .
Communications (internet, phone, etc.) – per term	\$ 30
Travel documents (passport, entry visa, etc.)	I can't remember ~ \$80
Vaccinations	\$ 150
Personal Spending (eg. entertainment and extra travel) – per term	\$1000
What unexpected costs did you encounter? What items were less or more expensive than you expected?	Food was less expensive Everything was less expensive than thought .

Section 8

EXTRA-CURRICULAR/SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

How satisfied were you with the out-of-class opportunities at your host site?	very satisfied .
What organized activities (clubs, sports, etc.) were available to you while in your host country? What extra-curricular activities would you recommend to future students?	They were available but I did not participate .
What opportunities were there to work or volunteer. Did you require special permits to do this?	no work , you need ^{an appropriate.} a proper visa .
What do you recommend other visiting students see or do on their weekends or holidays?	Travel the entire country, it is accessible .

Section 9

SAFETY AND HEALTH

Describe any safety concerns you had during your experience.	None, it is less strict about ^{safety} safety so be careful. Cross the streets carefully .
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Section 10

PERSONAL AND CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

What was it like making friends? How successful were	Easy to make friends .
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you at making friends with local (i.e., not international) people?	Very easy to make local friends.
What was it like to adjust to the culture of your host site?	Takes a short time
What, if any, cultural differences did you find particularly challenging?	Language, be polite.
What parts of the culture did you most appreciate?	Politeness, friendliness
How were you treated by local people? By university staff and faculty? By students?	Very well treated by everyone.
As far as you could tell, how easy would it be for students with disabilities to study at your partner university?	It would be fine. University has ramps and elevators.
For students who are visible minorities in your host country?	No problem. They like you.
For students who are gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgendered?	No problem. This university is very open with sexuality.

Section 11

TAKING STOCK

What are the 5 most important things one should take with them when going to your host country or region?

- 1 Money in ~~Japan~~ Taiwanese currency (some American money too)
- 2 ~~Bring Passport~~ ~~Bring~~ ~~bring~~ Unlocked cell phone
- 3 warm clothes - it can get odd
- 4 Medicine
- 5 Gifts for others

What are the 10 most important things you would tell another student who is going to your host facility/agency:

- 1 Be open, if you stay in the girls dormitory, facilities are not nice, but livable.
- 2 Keep connected with other international students
- 3 Bring your ^{lap top} computer, there is internet
- 4 Get a mosquito killer light and racket.
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What was the most rewarding part of your study abroad experience?	The people you meet and places you travel to .
What was the greatest challenge you faced during your experience abroad?	Language barriers .
As a result of your study abroad experience, how has your perspective changed?	I am more open .
What else do you want to say about your study abroad experience?	I loved it .