

## Post Study Abroad Evaluation

THE BASICS			
Your Name	[REDACTED]		
Your Program of Study/Year	3 <sup>rd</sup> year		
Host Country	London, England		
Host School/Agency	University of Creative Arts		
Participation Dates	Sept. 5 2010 to Dec. 24 2010 /// Exchange		
Type of Study Abroad	<input type="checkbox"/> Exchange	<input type="checkbox"/> Practicum	<input type="checkbox"/> Independent <input type="checkbox"/> Other
<b>Section 1</b>			
GENERAL EVALUATION			
Please rate your overall exchange experience on a scale of 1 to 10 (one being poor and 10 being exceptional)			7
In a couple of sentences, explain why you rated your experience the way you did.	The town was lovely and I meant a lot of lovely people but the school experience was not all that I was hoping for and expecting because it was not as challenging as I was looking for a more well rounded experience.		
<b>Section 2</b>			
ARRIVAL			
How difficult was it for you to obtain your travel documents (visa, etc.)? *Always verify immigration regulations with the consulate or embassy of your host country*	I didn't need a travel visa.		
Describe your transportation arrangements to your host country. Would you change any part of those arrangements?	I flew to Heathrow and then my landlord in Farnham picked me up and drove me to Farnham.		
How was your experience clearing customs and immigration upon arrival in your host country? Any surprises?	It was good. They look through the acceptance documents and that was it.		
Describe how you traveled to your host facility. How long did it take and how much did it cost?	I walked from me house which took about 15-20 mins.		
<b>Section 3</b>			

ORIENTATION AND ASSISTANCE	
How satisfied were you with the orientation and assistance available to at your host school/agency.	It was horrible they were unhelpful and did not provide any information.
What help did you receive from the international staff or office? What was your impression of the international staff or office?	They did a tour on the first day and then after that there wasn't all that much help or guidance.
What was the orientation like at your partner university, if there was one? How well did it suit your needs?	
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?	It was fine as I have family in London, but in Farnham it was difficult to find people who understood that it was difficult to adjust to.
How receptive were the local people in providing assistance?	Very
Section 4	
HOUSING	
Describe your accommodation arrangements.	I found a place online and it was lovely. My house mates were very friendly and we hung out a lot.
How early could you move into housing before term and how long after the end of term were you allowed to stay?	I had no problem I paid for the months that I was there.
How comfortable were you with your accommodation?	Very.
Describe what you did about meals and what other options were available. How satisfied were you with the food?	I bought food and then I cooked.
How close was your accommodation to where you had to study?	About 15-20 min walk.
Section 5	
COURSE REGISTRATION	
Please describe the registration process at your	I registered online before I left and then got my photo taken once I arrived in England.

host institution. What assistance was available to you? Were you 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?	It was done for me through the program.
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?	4

### Section 6

#### ACADEMICS

How satisfied were you with the amount of knowledge/skills you obtained from your host?	About a 4 out of 10
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 very different; more self directed then actual teaching.
How many courses did you take during your time abroad?	4
What impact did the language barrier have on your learning?	none
What was your impression of the computer facilities, library, internet access, specialized equipment and supplies available at your host facility?	It was good the computer labs and the library was really nice with all the computers that were able to be used.

### Section 7

#### COSTS

Books and Supplies – per term	\$1500-\$2000
Flight	\$2500
Accommodation – per month	\$800
Meals – per month	\$450

Local transportation – per month	\$150
Health insurance – per term	I don't know
Communications (internet, phone, etc.) – per term	\$100
Travel documents (passport, entry visa, etc.)	0
Vaccinations	0
Personal Spending (eg. entertainment and extra travel) – per term	\$200
What unexpected costs did you encounter? What items were less or more expensive than you expected?	You have to pay for everything you print at UCA so that was a huge unexpected cost and was not accounted for.

### Section 8

#### EXTRA-CURRICULAR/SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

How satisfied were you with the out-of-class opportunities at your host site?	There were none
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?	There weren't really any. The school put dj nights on but that was about it.
What opportunities were there to work or volunteer. Did you require special permits to do this?	I couldn't get a visa
What do you recommend other visiting students see or do on their weekends or holidays?	Go to London its more fun then Farnham

### Section 9

#### SAFETY AND HEALTH

Describe any safety concerns you had during your experience.	none
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### Section 10

#### PERSONAL AND CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

What was it like making	It was alright. I made friends with people not in my program and
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friends? How successful were you at making friends with local (i.e., not international) people?	older than the people at the school through my room mates.
What was it like to adjust to the culture of your host site?	fine
What, if any, cultural differences did you find particularly challenging?	none
What parts of the culture did you most appreciate?	The architecture
How were you treated by local people? By university staff and faculty? By students?	indifferently
As far as you could tell, how easy would it be for students with disabilities to study at your partner university?	It would be okay, there town has a lot of cobble streets so then it might be difficult to get around.
For students who are visible minorities in your host country?	fine
For students who are gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgendered?	fine

### 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 adapter

2 sketch book

3 camera

4 shoulder bag

5 computer

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

1 research the programs to see if it is worth going

2 find a place to live before you get the acceptance letter from UCA or you will miss them

3 source out sites and places you would like to go because Farnham is not that interesting after awhile

4 don't bring all that much

5 fashion is awesome so don't bring all that many clothes	
6 Really analyze the program because to find out if what you are going to learn makes up for what you are going to miss.	
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What was the most rewarding part of your study abroad experience?	My house mates
What was the greatest challenge you faced during your experience abroad?	Finding the school to be not challenging.
As a result of your study abroad experience, how has your perspective changed?	That the interior design program here is very organized and well run.
What else do you want to say about your study abroad experience?	If I were to do it again I would really evaluate what I was going to learn to what I was going to miss.