

Post Study Abroad Evaluation

| THE BASICS | | | | |
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| Your Name | [REDACTED] | | | |
| Your Program of Study/Year | Bachelor of Business Administration, year 2.5 | | | |
| Host Country | France | | | |
| Host School/Agency | INSEEC MBA school | | | |
| Participation Dates | Jan 2011, June 2011 | | | |
| Type of Study Abroad | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X 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) | | | 8.5 | |
| In a couple of sentences, explain why you rated your experience the way you did. | It was awesome because I was in France and doing all these cool things that the city had to offer, but the schooling was very disorganized and unnecessarily stressful. | | | |
| Section 2 | | | | |
| 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* | Not To difficult once the process had started. | | | |
| Describe your transportation arrangements to your host country. Would you change any part of those arrangements? | Yes I would change the fact that I took the metro from the airport to where I was staying. Paying the 50 euro for a taxi would have been money well spent. | | | |
| How was your experience clearing customs and immigration upon arrival in your host country? Any surprises? | Easy, no surprises. | | | |
| Describe how you traveled to your host facility. How long did it take and how much did it cost? | I flew, it took roughly 12 hours, and cost me approximately 1300. | | | |
| Section 3 | | | | |
| ORIENTATION AND ASSISTANCE | | | | |

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| How satisfied were you with the orientation and assistance available to at your host school/agency. | They were very helpful, very satisfied with the help they gave, once you were actually in classes. Prior to class was a little more complicated. |
| What help did you receive from the international staff or office? What was your impression of the international staff or office? | Nice people, could be a little better informed and well organized. |
| What was the orientation like at your partner university, if there was one? How well did it suit your needs? | The orientation was brief, it was good enough. I didn't feel like I was lacking any vital information. |
| 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? | Easy, there were people I could talk to about my experience, however I didn't need too. The only thing I never got used to was the way they drive there. |
| How receptive were the local people in providing assistance? | Very receptive, but I think that is largely because I speak French. |

Section 4

HOUSING

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| Describe your accommodation arrangements. | I stayed with a lady, I rented a room from her and shared the rest of the apartment with her. |
| How early could you move into housing before term and how long after the end of term were you allowed to stay? | There was no housing. I moved into the room I found on my own as soon as I arrived. |
| 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 made my own food. Or bought it. The food was SOOO GOOD. |
| How close was your accommodation to where you had to study? | Very 20 min walk. |

Section 5

COURSE REGISTRATION

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| Please describe the registration process at your host institution. What | The registration was mostly done here, all that was done to guarantee your spots in the course was that an email was sent to the exchange coordinator stating what courses you were enrolled |
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| assistance was available to you? Were you satisfied? | in. |
| 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? | |
| 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 6. |

Section 6

ACADEMICS

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| How satisfied were you with the amount of knowledge/skills you obtained from your host? | Not very. |
| 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 poor, disorganized inefficient. The workload was nothing. |
| How many courses did you take during your time abroad? | 6 |
| 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? | There was no library and the computer labs were poorly taken care of. |

Section 7

COSTS

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| Books and Supplies – per term | 0 |
| Flight | 1300 euro |
| Accommodation – per month | 600 euro |
| Meals – per month | 250 euro |
| Local transportation – per | 60 euro |

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| Health insurance – per term | 0 |
| Communications (internet, phone, etc.) – per term | 30 euro |
| Travel documents (passport, entry visa, etc.) | 0 |
| Vaccinations | 0 |
| Personal Spending (eg. entertainment and extra travel) – per term | A lot. |
| What unexpected costs did you encounter? What items were less or more expensive than you expected? | Doctors visits. |

Section 8

EXTRA-CURRICULAR/SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

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| How satisfied were you with the out-of-class opportunities at your host site? | Extremely 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? | There were none, except for the exchange students coordinators who coordinated parties. |
| What opportunities were there to work or volunteer. Did you require special permits to do this? | 0 |
| What do you recommend other visiting students see or do on their weekends or holidays? | Everything. Anything that they wanted to do... also the south of France |

Section 9

SAFETY AND HEALTH

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| Describe any safety concerns you had during your experience. | The metro system late at night. |
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Section 10

PERSONAL AND CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

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| What was it like making friends? How successful were | Easy. And yes |
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| you at making friends with local (i.e., not international) people? | |
| What was it like to adjust to the culture of your host site? | Easy, although the smoking is something I will never adjust too. |
| What, if any, cultural differences did you find particularly challenging? | |
| What parts of the culture did you most appreciate? | The Art.... And the FOOD! |
| How were you treated by local people? By university staff and faculty? By students? | I found people to be very friendly, other people disagreed with me. |
| As far as you could tell, how easy would it be for students with disabilities to study at your partner university? | It depends what kind of disabilities, but for the most part yes. |
| For students who are visible minorities in your host country? | Easy, the city is full of visible minorities. |
| For students who are gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgendered? | Easy, they are very liberal there. |

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 camera

2 money

3 back-pack

4 a bag that has 4 wheels.

5 good walking shoes

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

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Don't start smoking

2 do everything that you want to do, do not hesitate.

3 eat whatever you want

4 travel to all the extra places that you want to

5 don't expect anything, and you will have an AMAZING time

6 Don't be shy

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| 7 try the things that scare you | |
| 8 do things on your own, go to museums alone. | |
| 9 wear good shoes. | |
| 10 pack lightly | |
| What was the most rewarding part of your study abroad experience? | You really can't choose one thing. So much of it is rewarding, there are so many memories that you come back with that will never leave you. |
| What was the greatest challenge you faced during your experience abroad? | Staying healthy. |
| As a result of your study abroad experience, how has your perspective changed? | I have grown to respect Canada A lot more. |
| What else do you want to say about your study abroad experience? | For anyone who can, they should go! Also make a budget and stick to it. |