EXCHANGE PARTICIPANT QUESTIONNAIRE

Faculty: Arts•Social Sciences  Major/Minor: World Literature major
Host university: Charles University  Host Country: Czech Republic
Dates of your exchange: (month/year) June 2016 to (month/year) July 2016

Approximately how much did air transportation cost? $1,100
Approximately how much did any required ground transportation cost? 

Do you have a recommended routing or airline? ☑ No ☐ Yes
If yes, please describe:

What is your citizenship? (voluntary; may impact following information) Canadian
Did you need a student visa/permit? ☑ No ☐ Yes: What was the cost?
If yes, what documentation was needed?
Did you need a visitor visa/permit? ☑ No ☐ Yes: What was the cost?
If yes, what documentation was needed?
Where was your immigration documentation processed? Arrived in Dusseldorf, Germany
How long did it take to procure your visa/permit? 

Were any other documents required (residence permit, etc)? ☑ No ☐ Yes
If yes, please comment:

Were you met at the airport by representatives of the host university? ☑ No ☐ Yes
Is there easy transportation between the airport and university? ☑ No ☐ Yes

Please comment: Prague Airport Transfer runs an affordable taxi service to/from the airport; ~$20 CAD from Kolej Konviktářského to Vaclav Havel Airport.

What is the closest airport to the host university? Vaclav Havel Airport

Is there an organized orientation session upon arrival at the host university? ☑ No ☐ Yes
Was there a cost for the orientation session? ☑ No ☐ Yes, how much? (might have been included in student fees/tuition)
If yes, do you recommend that future students participate? ☑ No ☐ Yes

Please comment: Orientation is a great way to meet other students, get a handle on the Czech language, & figure out how to get around Prague.
Is there a language program available either before or during the term? □ No ☑ Yes
If yes, how long is it? 8-hour mandatory Czech Survival course (pre-term), optional Czech Language course for credit during the semester
Is there an additional cost for language training? ☑ No □ Yes: How much?
Please comment:

ACCOMMODATION & LIVING

Is on-campus or university dormitory accommodation available? □ No ☑ Yes
If yes, are you living in a university dormitory? □ No ☑ Yes
If yes, can you make a recommendation for a specific dormitory? □ No ☑ Yes
If yes, please describe:

What is the average monthly cost of accommodation? $612 USD

Is there a meal plan? ☑ No □ Yes: How much is it? Breakfast was provided on weekdays
If no, do you have access to adequate cooking facilities? □ No ☑ Yes
How far is your dormitory from the main campus? 30 min. by train, metro, or foot
Please comment on internet and phone access in your dormitory:

WLAN internet, eduroam wifi, cellular reception throughout the building

Did you have to make a deposit for your accommodation prior to arrival? □ No ☑ Yes
If yes, how did you arrange this? online money transfer
Is off-campus housing easily available? □ No ☑ Yes
Please comment on off-campus housing:

some people rented Airbnb suites for the month, but most folks lived in dorms

Approximately how much money per month is needed for living, including accommodation and meals? $900 CAD

Any other comments on accommodation:

Koleg Komenského (my dorm building) wasn't particularly fantastic building - had an unfortunate plumbing situation that lasted for a week due to national holidays - but it was a decent place to sleep. Great location, the building itself just wasn't up to normal north American standards; I'd advise future students to go with an open mind + sense of adventure!
FINANCIAL DETAILS

Have you opened a bank account in your host country?  
☐ No  ☐ Yes: What are the challenges/benefits to 
opening a local bank account?

How would you recommend students bring money (Canadian/American cash, travelers’ cheques, local currency)?

bring enough cash to pay your housing deposit (~$3,500 CAD) + get food for a 
few days (~$500 CAD), then find an ATM. Always have cash on hand, it’s safer 
than card.

What is/are the preferred method(s) of payment at most establishments?  
☐ Cash  ☐ Debit  ☐ Credit card

Please comment:

ACADEMIC DETAILS

Was it possible for you to get all of the courses that you wanted?  
☐ No  ☐ Yes

Please describe the course registration procedure:

First-come, first-serve - don’t be sleeping 66 jet-lag when registration 
opens, like I was!

What discipline(s)/program(s) are you taking at your host university?  
Eastern Central European Studies

What is the language of instruction in your courses?  
English

If not English, are English-taught courses available?  

Describe the manner and quality of instruction at your host university.

9 hrs of lecture time/week for 4 weeks, excellent profs, lots of 
reading + field trips. Course assessment is a balance of exams, 
papers, personal reflections, and presentations.

What do you feel is/will be the main academic benefit of your participation in this exchange program?

Exposure to another cultural + political worldview + way of being.

Submission Instructions:

1. Please complete and return this form by E-mail to studyabroad@sfu.ca as a PDF
2. Subject line of email: Questionnaire - [Host Country, Host University]
3. Please include your full name and student number in the body of your E-mail.