EXCHANGE PARTICIPANT QUESTIONNAIRE

STUDENT INFORMATION

Faculty: ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES Major/Minor: INTERNATIONAL STUDIES
Host university: UNIVERSIDAD DE SAN FRANCISCO DE QUITO Host Country: ECUADOR
Dates of your exchange: (month/year) AUG 2015 to (month/year) SEP 2015

TRAVEL

Approximately how much did air transportation cost? $1000

Approximately how much did any required ground transportation cost? $300

Do you have a recommended routing or airline? □ No □ Yes

If yes, please describe: ____________________________________________

VISAS

What is your citizenship? (voluntary; may impact following information) CANADIAN

Did you need a student visa/permit? □ No □ Yes: What was the cost? ~$150

If yes, what documentation was needed? PASSPORT, PASSPORT PHOTOS, DOCUMENTS FROM THE UNIVERSITY

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? CONSULATE OF ECUADOR, BURNABY

How long did it take to procure your visa/permit? 2 HOURS AT CONSULATES HOUSE.

Were any other documents required (residence permit, etc)? □ No □ Yes

If yes, please comment: MARISCAL SUCRE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

AIRPORT RECEPTION

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: TAXI ~ $50

What is the closest airport to the host university?

ORIENTATION

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?

If yes, do you recommend that future students participate? □ No □ Yes

Please comment:
LANGUAGE PROGRAMS
Is there a language program available either before or during the term? □ No □ Yes
If yes, how long is it? 1 WEEK
Is there an additional cost for language training? □ No □ Yes: How much? $150
Please comment: 1 WEEK INCLUDED SPANISH LESSONS IN THE FIRST WEEK. THE SECOND WAS OPTIONAL AND COST $150. - I WOULDN'T RECOMMEND IT.

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? INCLUDED IN PROGRAM FEES
Is there a meal plan? □ No □ Yes: How much is it?________
If no, do you have access to adequate cooking facilities? □ No □ Yes
How far is your dormitory from the main campus?

Please comment on internet and phone access in your dormitory:

Did you have to make a deposit for your accommodation prior to arrival? □ No □ Yes
If yes, how did you arrange this?

Is off-campus housing easily available? □ No □ Yes

Please comment on off-campus housing:

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

Any other comments on accommodation:

ROOM & BOARD WAS INCLUDED IN THE PROGRAM FEE. WE STAYED IN TWO HOMESTAYS, 1 IN QUITO AND 1 IN THE GALAPAGOS. EVERYTHING WAS GREAT.
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?)

**CASH IN LOCAL CURRENCY THEN TAKE OUT MORE IF NEEDED**

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

Please comment:  MOST WIDELY ACCEPTED IS CASH.

ACADEMIC DETAILS

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

Please describe the course registration procedure:

**CHOICE OF ACADEMIC PROGRAM WITH SOME WIGGLE ROOM, HOWEVER INTENSIVE MODULE STYLE LEFT LITTLE ROOM FOR COURSE SELECTION.**

What discipline(s)/program(s) are you taking at your host university?

PEOPLE, POLITICS & THE ENVIRONMENT

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.

INTERESTING, MORE HANDS ON, NICE TO GET A DIFFERENT VIEWPOINT, DEMANDING YET GRADING WAS EASIER, OVERALL VERY ENJOYABLE, UNORGANIZED AND LAST MINUTE AT TIMES

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

GETTING OUTSIDE OF YOUR OWN CULTURAL VIEWPOINT AND LEARNING FROM PROFESSORS WHO ARE NATIVE TO THE AREA EXPANDS YOUR UNDERSTANDING.

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.