EXCHANGE PARTICIPANT QUESTIONNAIRE

STUDENT INFORMATION

Faculty: Arts and Social Sciences  Major/Minor: IS/GSWS
Host university: University of Nottingham  Host Country: England
Dates of your exchange: (month/year) 01/2016 to (month/year) 06/2016

TRAVEL
Approximately how much did air transportation cost? I used airline points
Approximately how much did any required ground transportation cost? Money for buses and trains
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? $350
If yes, what documentation was needed? Proof of study, bank statements
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? Downtown Vancouver / New York
How long did it take to procure your visa/permit? 3-4 weeks
Were any other documents required (residence permit, etc)? ☑ No ☐ Yes
If yes, please comment:

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: A bus that went from the airport to the city.
What is the closest airport to the host university? East Midlands Airport

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: It wasn't helpful at all, and also took place while classes started which is super unorganized and stressful.
LANGUAGE PROGRAMS
Is there a language program available either before or during the term? ☑ No ☐ Yes
If yes, how long is it? ☑ The entire term
Is there an additional cost for language training? ☑ No ☐ Yes: How much?
Please comment: Available as a course and as additional help.

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? $800

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? 30 minute walk

Please comment on internet and phone access in your dormitory:

Very high quality.

Did you have to make a deposit for your accommodation prior to arrival? ☑ No ☐ Yes
If yes, how did you arrange this? Packed in full - had to call

Is off-campus housing easily available? ☑ No ☐ Yes

Please comment on off-campus housing:

Not for Study abroad Students.

Approximately how much money per month is needed for living, including accommodation and meals? $1000+

Any other comments on accommodation:

Very expensive living in England.
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?

I used my visa from Canada and it worked just fine.

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

[ ] Cash  [ ] Debit  [ ] Credit card

What is/are the preferred method(s) of payment at most establishments?

Please comment: Host places take cash or credit, there is no preference.

ACADEMIC DETAILS
Was it possible for you to get all of the courses that you wanted?  
[ ] No  [x] Yes

Please describe the course registration procedure:

I e-mailed an advisor the courses I wanted and they enrolled me.

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

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.

Not the standard of good education and professionalism I’m used to at SFU.

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

The travel I have done on my own time.

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.