EXCHANGE PARTICIPANT QUESTIONNAIRE

STUDENT INFORMATION

Faculty: French Cohort Program
Major/Minor: political science and french
Host university: IEP Aix-en-Provence
Host Country: France
Dates of your exchange: (month/year) September 2015 to (month/year) June 2016

TRAVEL

Approximately how much did air transportation cost? $1200
Approximately how much did any required ground transportation cost? 8-10 Euros
Do you have a recommended routing or airline? ☐ No ☐ Yes If yes, please describe: Flying into either Paris or Amsterdam and getting a connecting flight to Marseille

VISAS

What is your citizenship? (voluntary; may impact following information) Canadian
Did you need a student visa/permit? ☐ No ☐ Yes: What was the cost? $0
If yes, what documentation was needed? application, banking, acceptance letter, proof of lodging etc...
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? In Vancouver before I left
How long did it take to procure your visa/permit? less than 1 week
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: The international association will meet you at the airport, unless you arrive on Sunday. There is a bus (Cartreize) that takes you directly from the Airport to the bus station in Aix.

What is the closest airport to the host university? Marseille Provence 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: I very highly recommend participating in the orientation week. You take a required french placement test, there are "welcome to France" orientation courses and the international association takes all the international students on field trips each day to cities close to Aix. This is also a great opportunity to meet fellow exchange students.
LANGUAGE PROGRAMS
Is there a language program available either before or during the term? □ No □ Yes
but there are regular french language courses that you can take.
If yes, how long is it?_____________________________________________________________________________________
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
Les Gazelles, building 6 or 7
If yes, please describe: __________________________________________________________________________________
What is the average monthly cost of accommodation? 255 euros

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? about a 15 minute walk

Please comment on internet and phone access in your dormitory:
there is wifi throughout the whole building, however some floors have frequent wifi outages. There are no phones in the dormitories. Phone access is through your own cell phone.

Did you have to make a deposit for your accommodation prior to arrival? □ No □ Yes
If yes, how did you arrange this? The company contacts you for the deposit, this is your room confirmation.

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

Please comment on off-campus housing:
There are appartments around the city available for students, however these are normally double the price of student housing.

Approximately how much money per month is needed for living, including accommodation and meals? $800

Any other comments on accommodation:

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**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?

- During the first week of school a bank will come and assist international students on opening bank accounts. Opening one is highly recommended because you need one to get most insurance, phone plans etc... The only downside is that it requires a lot of paperwork and you have to go in for a second appointment before they will give you a bank card.

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

- I would bring a few hundred euros in cash to start off before your bank account is opened.

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

Please comment:  cash is prefered in smaller stores and markets.

**ACADEMIC DETAILS**

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

Please describe the course registration procedure:

- The administration sends a list of courses for each semester. You can make your own schedule (that fits with your program). Registration is done through an online portal and a paper copy must also be submitted to the school.

What discipline(s)/program(s) are you taking at your host university? Certificat d’Études Politiques (politics, french)

What is the language of instruction in your courses? french

If not English, are English-taught courses available? yes

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

- most courses are held once a week in lecture styles. The teacher will present for most of the class and students take notes. There are usually a few projects during the semester and final exams are either written or oral. The quality of instruction is very good, I learned a lot.

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

- The wide variety of courses offered at this school enabled me to take courses based on subjects that really interested me and that I might not have had the opportunity of studying yet.

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.