**EXCHANGE PARTICIPANT QUESTIONNAIRE**

**STUDENT INFORMATION**

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**TRAVEL**

- Approximately how much did air transportation cost? $1000 CAD
- Approximately how much did any required ground transportation cost? $40 CAD
- Do you have a recommended routing or airline? Yes
- If yes, please describe: Frankfurt or Stuttgart Airports both work, then take Deutscheidbahn to Mannheim

**VISAS**

- What is your citizenship? Canadian/American
- Did you need a student visa/permit? Yes
- What was the cost? $50
- If yes, what documentation was needed? n/a
- Did you need a visitor visa/permit? n/a
- Where was your immigration documentation processed? n/a
- How long did it take to procure your visa/permit? n/a
- Were any other documents required (residence permit, etc)? No
- If yes, please comment: Residence permit required once you arrived in Mannheim (make appt in K7)

**AIRPORT RECEPTION**

- Were you met at the airport by representatives of the host university? Yes
- Is there easy transportation between the airport and university? Yes
- Please comment: Deutscheidbahn is quick and simple. Flixbus is less reliable but a bit cheaper. If you have luggage, Deutscheidbahn is best.

- What is the closest airport to the host university? Frankfurt International

**ORIENTATION**

- Is there an organized orientation session upon arrival at the host university? Yes
- Was there a cost for the orientation session? No
- If yes, how much? $25
- If yes, do you recommend that future students participate? Yes
- Please comment: A lot of information about class registration, residence permit, living in residence, and how student cards work.
**LANGUAGE PROGRAMS**
Is there a language program available either before or during the term?  □ No  □ Yes
If yes, how long is it?  One month
Is there an additional cost for language training?  □ No  □ Yes: How much? 500 euros
Please comment: Definitely worth it if you would like to become fluent in the language before starting, but it is expensive (program cost doesn’t include housing) and it is a month long commitment.

**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: B7 is closest to university, Hafenstrasse is harder to get to but still close
What is the average monthly cost of accommodation? 400 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? 10 minutes by bus, 20 minutes walking
Please comment on internet and phone access in your dormitory:
Bringing a router is required for internet. No phone lines are provided.

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:
Be careful of scams!! Never send a deposit through wiretransfer or any other means. Mannheim has a student-only renting program which is safer (accessible through the uni mannheim housing site).

Approximately how much money per month is needed for living, including accommodation and meals? 500 euro
Any other comments on accommodation:
Don’t bring sheets because German beds are differently sized than Canadian beds. Most furnishing/cleaning supplies can be cheaply purchased at Woolworths, Lidl, or other close-by stores.
Put your name on your mailbox!! The postperson will not deliver your mail if your name is not on your box.
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?

Benefits: easy to get out cash in mannheim and around europe
Challenges: the card takes awhile to arrive, need to close account before you leave
Note: you need to get a tax ID from the tax office (behind L1) before you can open an account.

How would you recommend students bring money (Canadian/American cash, travelers' cheques, local currency)?
Anything works, there are many cash-exchange places, ATMs, and you can deposit or wire transfer money into a bank account if you open one there.

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

Please comment: Most places take card but many all over Germany are cash only. Be sure to always have some cash on you.

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

Please describe the course registration procedure:
Similar to SFU in selection process. Most courses have open seats (no limit), however, classes with a limit are a lottery system. This means instead of first-come-first-serve, they randomly select students after the enrollment period ends and every student has equal chance of getting into the course.

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

What is the language of instruction in your courses? English and German

If not English, are English-taught courses available? 

Describe the manner and quality of instruction at your host university.
Most classes your grade is 100% based on your final exam. There is not a lot of classwork during the term, and classes usually don't have required textbooks.

What do you feel is/will be the main academic benefit of your participation in this exchange program?
German classes are much more theory-based which gives an entirely different perspective when it comes to learning, German classes will allow you to focus mostly on theory with practical experience through cases or practice with software.

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.