EXCHANGE PARTICIPANT QUESTIONNAIRE

STUDENT INFORMATION

Faculty: Arts and Social Science  Major/Minor: Psychology / International Studies
Host university: University of Ghana  Host Country: Ghana
Dates of your exchange: (month/year) August 2019 to (month/year) December 2019

TRAVEL

Approximately how much did air transportation cost? $1430

Approximately how much did any required ground transportation cost? $0

Do you have a recommended routing or airline? □ No  □ Yes
Better and easier to through Europe- less hustle and faster airline route than through the USA

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? $100
A letter from the school indicating the start date and purpose of the trip.

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? In the international office of the school.

How long did it take to procure your visa/permit? Three - four 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: It is about a fifteen to twenty minutes car-ride via Uber or taxi.

What is the closest airport to the host university? Kotoka International 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: Vital information about the school, about the country and the people. Highly informative- I would 100% recommend.
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?)

Students should have credit accounts to take out money - Mastercard is the most popular 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:

Registration is done online with the guidance of International Program officers (IPOs). Then the chosen classes are written on paper and given to the Exams office so the dates can be set with International student courses dates in mind. It also used to cross-reference any interference that may occur in the transferring of credits.

It is a simple process if the guidelines given by the IPOs are followed carefully.

What discipline(s)/program(s) are you taking at your host university?  History and Political Science

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.

All lectures were given in a format in which the lecturer speaks and the student takes notes. Some lectures preferred that notes be hand-taken rather than using a device. A large majority of the classes consists of just listening. Small class sizes such the history classes involved a lot of debate between lecturers and students. Questions in all the classes were also encouraged.

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

I was introduced to a style of teaching and learning that is quite different from what I am used to - the experience sharpen my mind into thinking and tackling real world issues from different points of views and not just accepting the information be given in class but also doing my own outside research (an activity I did not engage in prior to this opportunity.

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.