EXCHANGE PARTICIPANT QUESTIONNAIRE

STUDENT INFORMATION

Faculty: Communication, Art and Technology  
Major/Minor: Interactive Arts and Technology

Host university: Malmo University  
Host Country: Sweden

Dates of your exchange: (month/year) August 2018 to (month/year) January 2019

TRAVEL

Approximately how much did air transportation cost? $500 CAD (after using Air Miles)

Approximately how much did any required ground transportation cost? 120 SEK (one-way train ticket)

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? ~$155 CAD

If yes, what documentation was needed? Identification, acceptance letter, bank statement, proof of insurance

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? Embassy of Sweden in Ottawa

How long did it take to procure your visa/permit? 6 weeks

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

If yes, please comment: The above "student visa/permit" information refers to a residence permit for studies.

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: Trains from Copenhagen Airport to Malmo C run regularly, and I met with representatives on Malmo C’s platform.

What is the closest airport to the host university?  
Copenhagen Airport (Denmark)

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: You get important information about the university’s systems that mitigates surprises when classes start. There is also opportunity to befriend other exchange students.
**LANGUAGE PROGRAMS**

Is there a language program available either before or during the term?  
☐ No  ☐ Yes

If yes, how long is it? 3-4 weeks

Is there an additional cost for language training?  
☐ No  ☐ Yes: How much? 300 SEK

Please comment: The introductory Swedish language course is optional so I did not take it. I read it is eligible as course credits, however.

**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? ~4400 SEK

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? 45 minute walk, 15 minute bike ride

Please comment on internet and phone access in your dormitory:  

No landline is available, although the university provides you with a SIM card you can register a phone plan for. Internet is available only through the wall so you will need your own cable to directly connect your computer or set up a Wi-Fi router.

Did you have to make a deposit for your accommodation prior to arrival?  
☐ No  ☐ Yes

If yes, how did you arrange this? International bank transfer

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

Please comment on off-campus housing:  

Student housing was my first choice so I did not look into off-campus housing at all. However, a friend I met at my dorm shared that he was unable to find available places for rent and had to reluctantly apply for student housing instead.

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

Any other comments on accommodation:  

Costs were lower for me as I did not travel often and lived with extremely minimal supplies and furniture.
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?
- Acquiring a bank account is difficult unless you have Swedish citizenship or plan to stay for over six months.

How would you recommend students bring money (Canadian/American cash, travelers’ cheques, local currency)?
- Credit card usable outside of Canada (i.e. Visa), some Swedish krona

What is/are the preferred method(s) of payment at most establishments? □ Cash □ Debit □ Credit card
Please comment: Almost all places accept credit cards, but cash is useful for when a small shop or a student-run service does not have a working card machine.

ACADEMIC DETAILS
Was it possible for you to get all of the courses that you wanted? □ No □ Yes
Please describe the course registration procedure:
- Preferred courses are written on SFU documentation, which is processed and requested to Malmo University. A representative then emails you the availability of your courses, and sends an acceptance letter with the successfully registered courses once you have confirmed your choices.

What discipline(s)/program(s) are you taking at your host university? Storytelling - Narration Across Media
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.
- The course is divided into modules, the instructors of each differing and having the relevant industry or academic background. There was a greater emphasis on doing assigned readings in order to participate during classes, and grading was done through major assignments that demonstrated our understanding of the course concepts.

What do you feel is/will be the main academic benefit of your participation in this exchange program?
- To study and engage with multimedia and narratives in a different (European) context as a step towards gaining a broad, universal understanding of their impact on culture and society.

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.