EXCHANGE PARTICIPANT QUESTIONNAIRE

STUDENT INFORMATION

Faculty: Arts
Major/Minor: Psychology Major
Host university: UNIL
Host Country: Switzerland
Dates of your exchange: (month/year) Feb 16 to (month/year) July 16

TRAVEL
Approximately how much did air transportation cost? $700 flight into London
Approximately how much did any required ground transportation cost? $100 Flixbus (many stops
Do you have a recommended routing or airline? No Yes
to explore other countries)
If yes, please describe:
Fly into London, take budget buses through France, Germany, Belgium, Italy

VISAS
What is your citizenship? (voluntary; may impact following information) Canadian
Did you need a student visa/permit? No Yes: What was the cost? Study Permit
If yes, what documentation was needed?

Did you need a visitor visa/permit? Yes: What was the cost?
If yes, what documentation was needed?

Where was your immigration documentation processed? Visa in Canada, Permit in Lausanne
How long did it take to procure your visa/permit? Apply for visa a few months ahead.
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:
I took a 9€ Flixbus from Munich directly to Lausanne train station

What is the closest airport to the host university? Geneva

ORIENTATION
Is there an organized orientation session upon arrival at the host university? No Yes
Was there a cost for the orientation session? Yes, how much?
If yes, do you recommend that future students participate? No Yes
Please comment:
I did not participate, but there was a week of activities planned. It is a very populated university, I would recommend meeting people in a calmer setting during orientation week.
LANGUAGE PROGRAMS
Is there a language program available either before or during the term? □ No   ✔ Yes
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
If yes, please describe: ____________________________
What is the average monthly cost of accommodation? ____________________________
Is there a meal plan? □ No   ✔ Yes: How much is it? ____________________________
If no, do you have access to adequate cooking facilities? □ No   ✔ Yes
Communal Kitchen
How far is your dormitory from the main campus? ____________________________

Please comment on internet and phone access in your dormitory:
Wi-Fi in rooms and kitchen. Easy to use and very reliable for Skype chats back home.

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:
No idea. There seemed to be enough accommodation for all students. Dorms are by far the cheapest option!

Approximately how much money per month is needed for living, including accommodation and meals? ____________________________
Any other comments on accommodation:
Cook everything in your dorm! Pack a lunch!
Lausanne (Switzerland in general) is very very expensive, even if you are being really careful with your money.
FINANCIAL DETAILS
Have you opened a bank account in your host country?  Yes: What are the challenges/benefits to opening a local bank account?
[ ] No  [ ] Yes

did not need it.

How would you recommend students bring money (Canadian/American cash, travelers’ cheques, local currency?)
[ ] Sign up for a travel visa. All bills (rent/fees) have to be paid in cash, so I would withdraw that monthly.

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

Please comment:
Cash for almost everything. You can pay with visa at the train station and grocery stores.

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 University is listed as “English and French” speaking courses, but the only English courses available are English Literature!

What discipline(s)/program(s) are you taking at your host university?  English Literature

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.
Entire grade was based on a final essay for 3/4 courses. Lecture, no tutorial or lab.

What do you feel is/will be the main academic benefit of your participation in this exchange program?
I would recommend UNIL if you are able to take French courses or apply to their Science department.

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.