EXCHANGE PARTICIPANT QUESTIONNAIRE

STUDENT INFORMATION

Faculty: Business
Major/Minor: Sustainability, joint major
Host university: University of Lausanne
Host Country: Switzerland
Dates of your exchange: (month/year) February 2019 to (month/year) July 2019

TRAVEL

Approximately how much did air transportation cost? $1700 CAD round-trip
Approximately how much did any required ground transportation cost? $20
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? ☑ Yes: What was the cost? $90
If yes, what documentation was needed? Type D visa
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? Swiss Consulate in Vancouver
How long did it take to procure your visa/permit? 6 months
Were any other documents required (residence permit, etc)? ☑ Yes
If yes, please comment: A residency permit is assigned once you've arrived.

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? ☑ Yes
Please comment: Train from the airport to Lausanne is painless and comfortable. That will take you to downtown Lausanne where you will need to metro to campus.

What is the closest airport to the host university? Geneva airport

ORIENTATION

Is there an organized orientation session upon arrival at the host university? ☑ Yes
Was there a cost for the orientation session? ☑ Yes, how much?
If yes, do you recommend that future students participate? ☑ Yes
Please comment: The exchange coordinator will do a tour of campus when classes start.
LANGUAGE PROGRAMS
Is there a language program available either before or during the term? ☐ No ☑ Yes
If yes, how long is it? 3 weeks
Is there an additional cost for language training? ☐ No ☑ Yes: How much? Not sure
Please comment: I didn’t take it but they offer a 3 week intensive French course before the semester begins but I’m not sure how much of a difference it makes. Good for making friends though.

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: FMEL is the student housing association. I was in the building ochettes.
What is the average monthly cost of accommodation? $710
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? 5 mins but that’s just my building. Ochettes is a great location.
Please comment on internet and phone access in your dormitory:
WiFi (in my building) is provided for 3 devices per student and you will have to buy yourself a phone plan. I didn’t get one but the SALT student package seemed popular.
Did you have to make a deposit for your accommodation prior to arrival? ☐ No ☑ Yes
If yes, how did you arrange this? You have to send an outgoing wire to a Swiss bank.
Is off-campus housing easily available? ☑ No ☐ Yes
Please comment on off-campus housing:
Lots of available student apartments if you don’t stay in a FMEL building.
Approximately how much money per month is needed for living, including accommodation and meals? $900
Any other comments on accommodation:
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?
I guess you don't have to pay withdrawal fees but mine weren't much so I was okay.

How would you recommend students bring money (Canadian/American cash, travelers' cheques, local currency?)
Bring a couple hundred Swiss Francs with you. They will also accept Euros but you will lose a lot to the exchange rate.

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:
I was a bit of a dunce as I signed up for masters courses which you need to be in fourth year here to take. So right at the end I had to switch up all my courses.

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

What is the language of instruction in your courses? English/French

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

Describe the manner and quality of instruction at your host university.
Long lectures with a 100% final at the end for most courses.

What do you feel is/will be the main academic benefit of your participation in this exchange program?
Realizing how big the world is and how much there is to learn.

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.