--- EXCHANGE PARTICIPANT QUESTIONNAIRE ---

**STUDENT INFORMATION**

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**TRAVEL**

- $1800 CAD (roundtrip purchased 1 week prior to dep.)
- Approximately how much did any required ground transportation cost? ~18 Euros to Grenoble (RhoneAlpes)

- Do you have a recommended routing or airline? □ No □ Yes

- If yes, please describe: ________________________________________________________________

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LANGUAGE PROGRAMS

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

If yes, how long is it? Full semester

Is there an additional cost for language training? [ ] No [ ] Yes: How much? Part of your course load.

Please comment: The language course is a requirement and is included in your pre-defined course load. The placement tests are done sometime in the first month, if you want to get the most out of it, review some French. There is also a culture course that is mandatory, which is geared towards helping students understand French culture/business environment.

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: Nexity Student Louis Weil - 12 Avenue Doyen Louis Weil

What is the average monthly cost of accommodation? 490 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? 5 minutes (business district)

Please comment on internet and phone access in your dormitory:

Internet can be included in the price, mine was. It includes Wi-Fi access and LAN cable, does not include modem/router. Phone is not available, but this is the least of your worries as a cell phone plan with Free Mobile is 2 euros for unlimited calling/texting, and 20 euros for 20GBs of Data, unlimited calling and international landline calling, as well as 3GB of roaming data for a number of countries.

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

If yes, how did you arrange this? ~ 330 Euros (all of which I received back)

Is off-campus housing easily available? [ ] No [ ] Yes

Please comment on off-campus housing:

The PDF file GEM sends out to students for housing would be a good starting point in securing housing. I asked local residents and did a lot of research prior to moving in. The paperwork is tedious and you may be surprised by the amount of information needed from Nexity Studenta, however, this is standard and so don't worry! Contrary to the modern design and professional atmosphere of the flat and location, the staff does not speak English. This may be difficult for some students.

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

Any other comments on accommodation:

Do your research and make sure you have all the required documents completed before sending it off. Living in Grenoble, France is very rewarding, but that also means you have to do a lot of work prior to settling in. This is a great city for someone who wants to share with others that they managed everything on their own.
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?

The administrative work is very (strong emphasis) tedious and takes a lot of time. Be patient. Make sure you have a photocopy (3) of everything and you will be fine. PROS: I could connect the phone bill to my local (french) bank account instead, that way, both sides have to hurry up their paperwork when you are cancelling.

How would you recommend students bring money (Canadian/American cash, travelers' cheques, local currency)?

Open up a Scotiabank checking account (takes 30 minutes), this will save you a lot of ATM fees and BNP Paribas is located right across from GEM. Bring 500 euros, that will help you settle down.

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

Please comment: I took cash out on a weekly basis following my budget to ensure I do not overspend. I used my local bank card for when I am short on cash or making a big purchase.

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 courses are all pre-determined depending on your year of study, this is perhaps the most straightforward procedure in France. I was in Year 2 because year 3 credits did not transfer over, however, this was a personal preference. In year 3, you have the option for designated certificate programs but SFU does not recognize any of them as core business courses.

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

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 courses were very professional and the classes were small (45 per teams, 2 teams for Bachelor of International Business Year 2). The grading schemes are more lenient than that of SFU as the courses are not curved/scaled.

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

This helped me develop a global perspective and taught me the importance of tolerance. Since GEM is comprised of mostly international students, there were a lot of different perspectives in the academic and social settings. Most valuable lesson: what may seem right for certain procedures and norms in Canada/SFU is certainly not the same in another country/university. Play by their rules and do not enforce your own.

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.

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