EXCHANGE PARTICIPANT QUESTIONNAIRE

STUDENT INFORMATION

Faculty: Arts and Social Sciences  Major/Minor: Political Science/French
Host university: IEP - Aix en Provence  Host Country: France
Dates of your exchange: (month/year) Jan/2015 to (month/year) April/2015

TRAVEL
Approximately how much did air transportation cost? $1772.99
Approximately how much did any required ground transportation cost? $108.04
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  ☐ Free
Did you need a student visa/permit? ☐ No  ☑ Yes: What was the cost? Student visa under the Canada/France Youth Exchange Agreement
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? French Consulate in Vancouver
How long did it take to procure your visa/permit? 2 days
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: Bus from the airport to the local bus loop costs only 6 euros without a transit card. But the bus lets off about a 20 minute walk away from the student residence, so you'll have to walk with all your luggage.
What is the closest airport to the host university? Marseille airport

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: There was an orientation week for students who had arrived in September, for students who arrived in January the orientation was only a few hours and was mandatory because it included our French placement test.
LANGUAGE PROGRAMS

Is there a language program available either before or during the term? ☐ No ☐ Yes
It ends shortly before the beginning of exam time for the other courses
If yes, how long is it?

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

Please comment: We took placement tests and were put in Francais Langue Secondaire courses, it wasn’t exactly a language program, just another course we could take.

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 possible, I’d recommend the les Gazelles residence over Cuques.

What is the average monthly cost of accommodation? $330.00

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? Cuques was 30 minutes away, les Gazelles was 20.

Please comment on internet and phone access in your dormitory:

Internet options varied from building to building. Mine was through ethernet, a cord was provided to us on the first day but I needed to go buy a Thunderbolt cable from the Apple Store in order to use it. Ethernet cost about $9.45/month.

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:

I don’t know anything about that.

Approximately how much money per month is needed for living, including accommodation and meals? $440

Any other comments on accommodation:

I had a lot of trouble getting accommodation. It was not arranged prior to getting there because the university in Aix hadn’t passed on my information to the residence organisation. When I got there I had to sleep on the floor of my friend’s dorm room in les Gazelles for about two weeks until the secretary at the university arranged accommodation for me in the Cuques residence.
**FINANCIAL DETAILS**

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<td>Have you opened a bank account in your host country?</td>
<td>□ No ☐ Yes: What are the challenges/benefits to opening a local bank account?</td>
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<td>It would have been needed in order to get a phone plan or to apply for CAF money (funding to help pay for accommodation). But you have to be in the country in order to close it and CAF money wouldn't have come in until a few months after I had left, so that wasn't an option.</td>
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| How would you recommend students bring money (Canadian/American cash, travelers' cheques, local currency?) | I brought a few euros to get me buy the first week and after that I took out cash using Mastercard from any ATM. |

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<td>They always ask if you have extra change too so that they don't have to break up too many bills. They also never split bills so if you're at a restaurant with friends make sure you have change to pay for your portion.</td>
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<td>Was it possible for you to get all of the courses that you wanted?</td>
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<th>Please describe the course registration procedure:</th>
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<td>Course registration doesn't happen until a few weeks after courses begin. This was nice because it meant that you got to try courses out before committing to them and there would be no drop-out penalty if you quit before three weeks.</td>
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| What discipline(s)/program(s) are you taking at your host university?  | Political Science |
| What is the language of instruction in your courses?                 | French            |
| If not English, are English-taught courses available?                | Yes               |

| Describe the manner and quality of instruction at your host university. | I liked all of my profs. It was a little different from teaching in Canada though in that even if it was a really small class, the prof would still lecture as if he was talking to hundreds. There was very little participation in classes. |

| What do you feel is/will be the main academic benefit of your participation in this exchange program? | It was interesting to look at case studies that were examples from countries other than Canada. |

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