EXCHANGE PARTICIPANT QUESTIONNAIRE

STUDENT INFORMATION

Faculty: Arts and Social Sciences
Major/Minor: Political Science
Host university: Sciences Po Aix
Host Country: France
Dates of your exchange: (month/year) Aug. 2014 to (month/year) April 2015

TRAVEL
Approximately how much did air transportation cost? 1500$
Approximately how much did any required ground transportation cost? 300$
Do you have a recommended routing or airline?  Yes
If yes, please describe: Luftansa YVR to Frankfurt to Marseille.

VISAS
What is your citizenship? (voluntary; may impact following information) Canadian
Did you need a student visa/permit? Yes: What was the cost? 100 euros
If yes, what documentation was needed? Passport, proof of residency, proof I’m a student, bank statement.
Did you need a visitor visa/permit? No
If yes, what documentation was needed?
Where was your immigration documentation processed? Aix/Marseille
How long did it take to procure your visa/permit? 7 months
Were any other documents required (residence permit, etc)? No
If yes, please comment: 

AIRPORT RECEPTION
Were you met at the airport by representatives of the host university? Yes
Is there easy transportation between the airport and university? Yes
Please comment: Bus L40 is a direct line.
What is the closest airport to the host university? Marseille Provence Airport

ORIENTATION
Is there an organized orientation session upon arrival at the host university? No
Was there a cost for the orientation session? Yes, how much? 25 euros
If yes, do you recommend that future students participate? Yes
Please comment: It was tons of fun. It was a week long and we went around to beaches, we hikes, we went to the bar to museums, everything!
LANGUAGE PROGRAMS
Is there a language program available either before or during the term? □ No □ Yes
If yes, how long is it? 2 french classes offered each semester both of which re optional.
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: The residency was terrible across the board, no one liked it.
What is the average monthly cost of accommodation? 250 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? 25mins
Please comment on internet and phone access in your dormitory: internet is an extra 12 euros a month. Lots of cellphone providers in the area. No need to worry about this, it is a city afterall.

Did you have to make a deposit for your accommodation prior to arrival? □ No □ Yes
If yes, how did you arrange this? Paid online with a credit card in June.
Is off-campus housing easily available? □ No □ Yes
Please comment on off-campus housing: Its everywhere, lots of posters in the school renting out places

Approximately how much money per month is needed for living, including accommodation and meals? 500
Any other comments on accommodation: Dont do residence.
**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?  

- you need a lot of documents

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

- credit card and 1000 euros cash. Then open a bank account and wire transfer yourself another 4000 euro.

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

Please comment:  

- a lot of markets and small stores, they all are cash only.

**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 wrote what I wanted down on a piece of paper that the admin. kept and halfway though the semester I confirm online Im still in those courses.

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

- Political science, law and french.

What is the language of instruction in your courses?  

- French and English

If not English, are English-taught courses available?  

- Yes.

Describe the manner and quality of instruction at your host university.  

- A lot like sfu, the teacher talks and you follow along.

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

- I took classes about subjects sfu doesn’t offer.