EXCHANGE PARTICIPANT QUESTIONNAIRE

STUDENT INFORMATION

Faculty: Arts and Social Sciences
Major/Minor: International Studies
Host university: The Hague University
Host Country: Netherlands
Dates of your exchange: (month/year) September 2014 to (month/year) January 2015

TRAVEL
Approximately how much did air transportation cost? $1700
Approximately how much did any required ground transportation cost? $10
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? ☐ No ☐ Yes: What was the cost? __________
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?
How long did it take to procure your visa/permit?
Were any other documents required (residence permit, etc)? ☐ No ☐ Yes
If yes, please comment: A residence permit was needed to stay more than three months

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: There are trains that travel directly between the Amsterdam airport and the university

What is the closest airport to the host university? Amsterdam (Schiphol)

ORIENTATION
Is there an organized orientation session upon arrival at the host university? ☐ No ☐ Yes
Was there a cost for the orientation session? ☐ No ☐ Yes, how much? __________
If yes, do you recommend that future students participate? ☐ No ☐ Yes
Please comment: Orientation was full of important information about the university and was one of the greatest ways to meet other students
**LANGUAGE PROGRAMS**

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

If yes, how long is it?  12 weeks

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

Please comment: Dutch Language classes are offered as regular courses alongside other classes

**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? $600

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?  10 minutes walking

Please comment on internet and phone access in your dormitory:

There was cable internet in my building, and I had to buy a router for wireless

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:

DUWO is the housing organization that offers lots of student housing throughout The Netherlands, and has many rooms near The Hague University. I also know of other students who rented appartments in the city independently and paid slightly less than DUWO charges, but of course, it was more difficult for them to arrange and find this.

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

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?

How would you recommend students bring money (Canadian/American cash, travelers’ cheques, local currency?)
I would recommend bringing a debit card and withdrawing cash as the Netherlands is not too credit card friendly, or opening a bank account.

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

Please comment: Everywhere accepts cash, but some shops only take Dutch bank or credit cards.

ACADEMIC DETAILS
Was it possible for you to get all of the courses that you wanted? □ No  □ Yes

Please describe the course registration procedure:
A two day, paper-based process. The final timetable is released only the day before registration. The first day consists of putting your name on a list for a time-slot, then returning at your designated time to confirm the courses that you selected before going on exchange, or dropping classes. The second day is necessary only if you want to change or add classes.

What discipline(s)/program(s) are you taking at your host university? European 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 semester was organized into two terms of six weeks, with some classes only running for one term. Most classes had some form of group project work or a presentation. Usually, classes were lectures with no more than 40 students, and a few had additional seminars. In general, the exams and papers were less intensive than at SFU.

What do you feel is/will be the main academic benefit of your participation in this exchange program?
I feel that the main academic benefit of my participation in this exchange was the courses on Human Rights Law and International Humanitarian Law that I was able to take, which were complimented by the location of the school in The Hague that allowed for trips to the International Criminal Court to compliment classroom learning.

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.