EXCHANGE PARTICIPANT QUESTIONNAIRE

STUDENT INFORMATION

Faculty: Arts  
Major/Minor: Communication  
Host university: University of Amsterdam  
Host Country: Netherlands  
Dates of your exchange: (month/year) February 2018 to (month/year) June 2018

TRAVEL

Approximately how much did air transportation cost? N/A (booked using points)

Approximately how much did any required ground transportation cost? N/A

Do you have a recommended routing or airline?  
No  
Yes

If yes, please describe: Lufthansa

VISAS

What is your citizenship? (voluntary; may impact following information) Dual (Canadian and Finnish)

Did you need a student visa/permit?  
No  
Yes

If yes, what documentation was needed?

Did you need a visitor visa/permit?  
No  
Yes

If yes, what documentation was needed?

Where was your immigration documentation processed? N/A

How long did it take to procure your visa/permit? N/A

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: There is an arrival desk that takes you in, gives you stroopwaffels and then takes you to the university to get your residence keys.

What is the closest airport to the host university? Schipol

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? N/A

If yes, do you recommend that future students participate?  
No  
Yes

Please comment: There isn’t one immediately after arriving, but there is one a day or two after you arrive. It is organized by ISN amsterdam, costs around $75, and is well worth the money!
**LANGUAGE PROGRAMS**

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

If yes, how long is it? It is optional (6 week course)

Is there an additional cost for language training? ☐ No ☐ Yes: How much? $400 (Roughly)

Please comment: It is an additional course you can enrol in.

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**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: Stay at Prinsengracht if you can! Best experience of my life.

What is the average monthly cost of accommodation? 600

Is there a meal plan? ☐ No ☐ Yes: How much is it? Roughly $400

If no, do you have access to adequate cooking facilities? ☐ No ☐ Yes

How far is your dormitory from the main campus? Roughly 10 minute bike depending on where your classes are.

Please comment on internet and phone access in your dormitory:

No phones, but internet included.

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

If yes, how did you arrange this? Online via the residence website.

Is off-campus housing easily available? ☐ No ☐ Yes

Please comment on off-campus housing:

There is tons of residence buildings all over the city. Just apply on time and you will find one.

Approximately how much money per month is needed for living, including accommodation and meals? 1300

Any other comments on accommodation:

Do your research on different buildings and how far away they are from the campuses/downtown Amsterdam!
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?

No challenges, the university helps you set up an account with ING.

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

I would bring a couple hundred euros until your bank account is set up. (can take a couple weeks depending on the appointment you get)

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

Please comment: Debit and cash are widely accepted. Some places don't take visa/cash. Almost everywhere will take a pin card.

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

Please describe the course registration procedure:

You are given an enrolment appointment (similar to SFU). Everything is done online (add courses to your course cart then click enrol when your appointment comes).

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

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.

Lectures once a week (no tutorials). One assignment worth 20% (due halfway through, like a midterm) then a final at the end worth 80%.

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

Getting a broader/different perspective on similar and new communications topics that relate to my degree back home.

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.