EXCHANGE PARTICIPANT QUESTIONNAIRE

STUDENT INFORMATION

Faculty: Communications  
Major/Minor: Education (Curriculum and Instruction)

Host university: National University of Singapore  
Host Country: Singapore


TRAVEL

Approximately how much did air transportation cost? $1000

Approximately how much did any required ground transportation cost? $200

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? $60

If yes, what documentation was needed? valid passport, two color passport size photographs, visa application

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? Airport and at school

How long did it take to procure your visa/permit? 1 week

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: Download the app Grab, similar to Uber but cheaper. Book ahead of time when you get wifi and use GrabShare for cheaper cost

What is the closest airport to the host university? Changi Airport

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: There are a lot of activities and events in UTown in the start of the semester, attend all of them for free things like food and supplies and also a good chance to meet people
LANGUAGE PROGRAMS
Is there a language program available either before or during the term? [ ] No [ ] Yes
If yes, how long is it?
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: Utown residence is where most exchange students live, the halls are great as well for a more local experience (more events happen there)
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? Its right in the heart of Utown, quick bus to school and different campuses
Please comment on internet and phone access in your dormitory:
Internet is fast in the apartment, for phones I recommend Starhub

Did you have to make a deposit for your accommodation prior to arrival? [ ] No [ ] Yes
If yes, how did you arrange this? School sent out instructions
Is off-campus housing easily available? [ ] No [ ] Yes
Please comment on off-campus housing:

Approximately how much money per month is needed for living, including accommodation and meals? 700
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?
I opened DBS account before going, and had a Visa and it was convenient when making purchases, and withdrawing money too

How would you recommend students bring money (Canadian/American cash, travelers’ cheques, local currency?)
American cash is strong in all surrounding countries, good to bring some Canadian to exchange as well

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

Please comment: Cash is most convenient, as most food places and hawker centres only accept cash

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

Please describe the course registration procedure:
It was quite stressful, read the instructions very carefully, make sure to know the process beforehand. NUS allows you to choose up to 8 courses you want around a month before school starts. After you arrive, the first week of school before classes start is an Add/Drop week and it is a first come first serve process

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

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.
Very similar to SFU, the pace, workload for 2000 and 3000 level courses are similar to the upper division CMNS courses I am familiar with. It was really engaging, tutorials are well planned and assignments relate a lot to the course. I loved my professors and TA's.

What do you feel is/will be the main academic benefit of your participation in this exchange program?
Meeting likeminded people from all over the world, challenging myself in a different academic environment and also going out of my comfort zone by spending months in a different country is very very rewarding and I loved my experience.

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.