EXCHANGE PARTICIPANT QUESTIONNAIRE

STUDENT INFORMATION

Faculty: Arts  Major/Minor: International Studies
Host university: Carlos III University  Host Country: Spain
Dates of your exchange: (month/year) February 1, 2018 to (month/year) May 20, 2018

TRAVEL
Approximately how much did air transportation cost: $1000
Approximately how much did any required ground transportation cost: 40 euros (uber from airport to home)
Do you have a recommended routing or airline?  No  Yes
If yes, please describe:

VISAS
What is your citizenship? (voluntary; may impact following information)  Portuguese, Canadian
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?
How long did it take to procure your visa/permit?
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: The metro system in madrid is very advanced and there is a train that goes directly form the airport to the city
What is the closest airport to the host university?  Madrid-Barajas 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
If yes, how much:
If yes, do you recommend that future students participate?  No  Yes
Please comment: I was heavily involved in the erasmus program (which was open to mobility students as well) and it organized many events throughout the semester
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: I am unsure as I did not take it

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? _____________________________
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? _____________________________________
Please comment on internet and phone access in your dormitory:

Did you have to make a deposit for your accommodation prior to arrival?  □ No  □ Yes
If yes, how did you arrange this? An additional month's rent paid in cash on arrival
Is off-campus housing easily available?  □ No  □ Yes
Please comment on off-campus housing:
Many websites aim to trick foreigners, by offering apartments priced far higher than 1000 euros

Approximately how much money per month is needed for living, including accommodation and meals? 1000 euros
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 suggest bringing cash there are man places to exchange currency in Madrid

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

Please comment: Most places in madrid accepted card however, when going to smaller shops or areas outside of the city cash is preffered

**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 a difficult process at first. There is a web portal that takes you to a course selection page. However, there are no filters so one has to look for exactly the course you are looking for. As mobility students get last priority many of the classes were filled up before my course picking date

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

What is the language of instruction in your courses? Half in spanish and half in english

If not English, are English-taught courses available? yes

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

The professors were very good, with direct experience in all of there fields. A journalism teacher I had worked at Al-Jazeera and had done pieces for many spanish newspapers.

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

Besides the many opportunities I had to learn about spanish culture, the opportunity to learn with a diverse set of teachers and be able to debate with students that have grown up in an environment completely different to my own was very benefitial for me.

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.