EXCHANGE PARTICIPANT QUESTIONNAIRE

STUDENT INFORMATION

Faculty: FCAT  Major/Minor: SIAT
Host university: Malmö University  Host Country: Sweden
Dates of your exchange: (month/year) ___________ to (month/year) ___________

TRAVEL
Approximately how much did air transportation cost? $1200 CAD Return
Approximately how much did any required ground transportation cost? 119 SEK for the train from CPH
Do you have a recommended routing or airline? □ No  □ Yes
If yes, please describe: Take a flight to CPH Airport and take the train from Copenhagen to Malmö

VISAS
What is your citizenship? (voluntary; may impact following information) __________________________________
Did you need a student visa/permit? □ No  □ Yes: What was the cost? 150 CAD
If yes, what documentation was needed? Residence/Study Permit
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? Embassy of Sweden in Ottawa
How long did it take to procure your visa/permit? 3 Days
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: It is super easy to get from the Copenhagen airport to Malmö Centralstation, it takes about 35 minutes and the university is a 3 minute walk from where you get off. There are student representatives at the train station.
What is the closest airport to the host university? ____________________________________________

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: You make a lot of friends during the orientation process and you bond with your floormates. Everyone is super friendly and starting off at the same place you are! There are also a lot of social networking events and vital informational lectures about the school (ie. where to get your multicard, the different types of learning portals, banks, buildings, the academic system, etc.). I would definitely reccommend the orientation!
LANGUAGE PROGRAMS
Is there a language program available either before or during the term?  □ No  □ Yes
If yes, how long is it?  10 Days
Is there an additional cost for language training?  □ No  □ Yes: How much?  Just for the book! 220 SEK
Please comment:  Intensive intro to Swedish book during the first 10 days you arrive, runs for about three hours everyday.

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:  Rönnten International
What is the average monthly cost of accommodation?  4300 SEK
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?  15 minute bike ride
Please comment on internet and phone access in your dormitory:
There is an ethernet port, so bring a router if you want wi-fi in your room. The school provides free Comviq internet SIM cards that can be loaded at 7-11s, but there is no roaming outside of Sweden (it costs extra). If you are willing to go to Telenor, they have data surfing plans that are free to roam anywhere within the EU (including the UK) and costs the same and is also reloadable at any 7-11.
Did you have to make a deposit for your accommodation prior to arrival?  □ No  □ Yes
If yes, how did you arrange this?  International Money Wire
Is off-campus housing easily available?  □ No  □ Yes
Please comment on off-campus housing:
It might be a bit more difficult since the university doesn't organize it for you, but I have met other exchange students who have done it.

Approximately how much money per month is needed for living, including accommodation and meals:  6,000SEK
Any other comments on accommodation:
It is approximately 6,000SEK to 10,000 SEK a month if you live solely on groceries. Eating out is really expensive here, so most students buy groceries to cook and Rönnten International provides plenty of equipment to do that. I would definitely reccommend the international building, you get to live on a floor of all exchange students with roughly 25-30 students per floor. You meet and bond with people from all over the world. There is a large kitchen area, a bike garage, and everything around the city is easily accessible with a bike. It is also super close to a bus station and near three main grocery shops. Whenever you come home, there is always someone in the kitchen. It's super cozy and quaint!
**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?

Most banks need a personnummer, which is extremely hard to get unless you are Swedish or have been living in Sweden for more than a year.

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

It is a pretty cashless country. Some places still take cash, but there are also some places that don't anymore. Credit cards are preferred everywhere.

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

Please comment:  
Credit or debit is the safest bet.

**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 fill out a form with the course you want to take when you apply for the host university. It either gets approved (or not) with your acceptance letter. It is also extremely easy to switch courses if you want, all you have to do is email the international coordinator at Malmö University and they will put you in if the class isn't full.

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

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.

I took Interaction Design courses. Each module starts with 1-3 lectures and then you get to work in teams for 1-5 weeks on a given topic with optional coaching sessions with your Instructors. The instructors are really helpful and understanding.

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

Meeting new classmates and networking. You get a different learning environment and learn about different approaches and methods that differ from what you would learn at SFU while being able to contribute and apply what you know. This exchange was super beneficial and I definitely recommend it!

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.