EXCHANGE PARTICIPANT QUESTIONNAIRE

Faculty: Arts  Major/Minor: International Studies/History
Host university: Koc University  Host Country: Turkey
Dates of your exchange: (month/year) 02/13 to (month/year) 06/13

Approximately how much did air transportation cost?  about 1400 CAD return flight
Approximately how much did any required ground transportation cost? 80 TL cab
Do you have a recommended routing or airline?  Yes  No
If yes, please describe:

What is your citizenship? (voluntary; may impact following information)  Canadian
Did you need a student visa/permit?  Yes: What was the cost?  59 CAD
If yes, what documentation was needed? letters from koc and bank, photos, application form
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?  Toronto
How long did it take to procure your visa/permit?  about 2 weeks
Were any other documents required (residence permit, etc)?  Yes  No
If yes, please comment: Residence permit once you get there, school helps with this

Were you met at the airport by representatives of the host university?  Yes  No
Is there easy transportation between the airport and university?  Yes  No
Please comment: Havasag shuttle or cab  then metro and bus
What is the closest airport to the host university?  Atatürk International

Is there an organized orientation session upon arrival at the host university?  Yes  No
Was there a cost for the orientation session?  Yes, how much? 
If yes, do you recommend that future students participate?  Yes  No
Please comment: Orientation is extremely helpful - get your phone, residence permit, istanbul kart. Best way to meet people.
Is there a language program available either before or during the term? ☑ No ☑ Yes

If yes, how long is it? Intro Turkish class, whole semester

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

Please comment: Cost of a class.

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: West campus - close to amenities/restaurants, Main campus - dorms are on campus.

What is the average monthly cost of accommodation? About 1000TL.

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? West campus is a 10 min shuttle away

Please comment on internet and phone access in your dormitory: WiFi available, but not the best quality.

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: I didn't try but a lot of people were easily able to find nearby flatmates.

Approximately how much money per month is needed for living, including accommodation and meals? 1500TL

Any other comments on accommodation:
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 brought a couple hundred TL, and then just withdrew from the ATM.

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

Please comment: You can use visa, mc, or cash pretty much anywhere.

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

Please describe the course registration procedure:

You will be walked through it during orientation, but preregistration takes place awhile before. Easiest if you choose the classes you know you want during preregistration.

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

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.

Quality of instruction/materials just as good, but I received less assignments, and in most classes, easier marking standards.

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

Gaining a different perspective on the Middle Eastern History studies I did at SFU.

Submission Instructions:  1. Please complete and return this form by E-mail to studyabroad@sfu.ca as a PDF.  2. Subject line of e-mail: Questionnaire – [Host Country, Host University]  3. Please include your full name and student number in the body of your E-mail.