

# Study Abroad Program Evaluation

## North Central College

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Study Abroad Program: \_\_\_\_\_ FA/WI/SP/SU 20 \_\_\_\_\_

### Pre-Departure

1. What factors led you to select this particular study abroad opportunity?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. What parts of the NCC pre-departure orientation were particularly helpful?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. What topics do you think should be added to the NCC pre-departure orientation?

### Arrival in Your Host Country

4. Please circle your evaluation of these items and, if necessary, explain:
  - a. Airport pick-up: OK? Problems? (please explain)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - b. Orientation sessions: OK? Problems? (please explain)

### ***Host Institution Evaluation***

5. Please describe your host institution(s) in these areas:
  - a. Classes: class size, student/teacher interaction, difficulty, relation to NCC coursework, class assignments/homework and the grading system.

b. Safety and Security: what measures were taken on campus and explained in your arrival orientation; how safe you felt on campus, in your accommodation/host family, in your city/town, and in traveling in the host country; if you ever felt like your personal safety was compromised. (Please explain.)

c. Accessibility: how accessible staff and faculty members were on campus; how accessible your host institution was to grocery stores, train/bus stops, medical facilities, internet cafes, restaurants or other places you needed/wanted to visit on a regular basis.

### ***Housing***

6. Please describe your accommodations. Include information about your host family members/roommates/flatmates, your personal living space, communal areas like kitchens, living rooms and bathrooms, furnishings provided and the overall accessibility of your accommodations to classes and/or other facilities on campus.

### ***Contacting the USA***

7. How did you communicate with family and friends back home? Did you use calling cards, buy a cell phone locally, bring your adjusted cell phone from home, or use the internet? Which method do you most recommend?

### ***Finances***

8. Please estimate, in U.S. dollars, how much money **you would advise** students to bring for basic personal expenses (including minimal travel) for this study abroad program: \$ \_\_\_\_\_
9. Please estimate, in U.S. dollars, how much money you **actually spent** total on personal expense, including your own travels (this amount should not include your flight): \$ \_\_\_\_\_

10. Please indicate what you spent most of your money on (e.g., travel, books, food, alcohol, shopping).

11. Please estimate how much you spent **total** on each of the following items:

Food: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Books/course materials: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Roundtrip airfare: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

12. How did you get from "home" to your classes?

Bicycle       Bus       Train       Car       Walked

How much money did you spend **total** on local transportation? \$ \_\_\_\_\_

13. How much personal travel did you do?

Where did you go, for how long, how did you travel, where did you stay? (For example, *from London I traveled to France, Germany and Italy for 7 days. I traveled by train and stayed in hostels.*)

How much did you spend **total** on personal travel, including rail passes, hostels, air tickets, etc.?  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_

14. How much did you spend on the following items?

**Laundry**

Cost per load to wash: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Cost per load to dry: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Postage**

Cost of an airmail letter: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Postcard: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Transportation**

Round-trip bus: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Subway: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Train: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Taxi ride: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Train ticket to nearest large city: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Name of City: \_\_\_\_\_

**Food/Entertainment**

Movie ticket: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Concert/theater ticket: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

A cup of coffee: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

A glass of beer: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Average Breakfast: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Average Lunch: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Average Dinner: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

15. Were credit cards widely accepted in your host country? If so which credit card is the most useful to have?

Mastercard

Visa

American Express

Discover

Did you use a debit card from your bank in the U.S. to get money?  Yes  No

Did you open a bank account in your host country?  Yes  No

Did you take traveler's checks with you?  Yes  No

If 'yes,' did you use them? If 'yes,' were they convenient to use?  Yes  No

16. What items/services, if any, did you notice were significantly more expensive than in the U.S.?

17. What items/services, if any, did you notice were significantly cheaper than in the U.S.?

**Overall Evaluation**

18. What advice would you give to next year's students planning to participate in this study abroad program? Include things you wish you had known before your departure, things you would have brought along, tips you discovered while abroad, advice for academic/classroom success, travel opportunities, how you made friends, the best bars, restaurants, and hang-out places, bargains you found for shopping, eating, traveling, places to stay, etc.

19. Please describe the main strengths of this study abroad program.

20. Please describe any weaknesses of this study abroad program.

21. Please describe the most rewarding aspects of your experience abroad.

22. Please describe the most difficult or challenging aspects of your experience abroad.

23. Would you recommend this particular study abroad program to other NCC students? Any particular students? Why or why not? Please explain.

24. Would you recommend the overall experience of studying abroad to other NCC students? Why or why not, please explain.

### **Future Assistance**

25. Would you be willing to assist the Office of International Programs in informing/preparing future NCC students to participate in a study abroad opportunity?  Yes  No

If 'yes,' please provide your contact details:

Cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Personal Email (non-NCC): \_\_\_\_\_

26. In what capacity would you be willing to assist the Office of International Programs? Please check all areas that interest you below.

- General Resource List:** You give us your permission to give your name and e-mail address to prospective study abroad students with questions.
- Special Interest Sessions (January):** You will assist in a special interest session specific for your program/country attended by prospective study abroad students.
- Spring Pre-departure Orientations (April/May):** You will give a brief presentation/assist in the 2<sup>nd</sup> orientation for students preparing to study abroad; you'll share your knowledge, show photos, answer questions, talk about your experiences abroad.
- Study Abroad Fair (October):** You will represent your program/country at the annual NCC study abroad fair, staff the booth, answer questions, bring visual aids/resource materials, assist with set-up and take-down of the fair.
- Study Abroad Ambassadors:** You are willing to give a minimum of five classroom presentations about NCC study abroad opportunities. You must contact the professors, although we will give you a list of suggested professors/departments. A separate application and training session will be required and a monetary stipend will be available. (If you checked this box we will contact you with additional details)

**Additional Information**

Please give us any other suggestions or information that you would like to share. We very much appreciate your feedback. Thank you!

**I hereby give my permission to the NCC Office of International Programs to share this information with other NCC students and their families.**

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Signature

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Date