

# SHORT QUESTIONNAIRE

## EXCHANGE STUDENTS' EXPERIENCES OF STUDYING AT THE HOST UNIVERSITY

### A. Background questions

1. Sex

Female  Male

2. Age \_\_\_\_\_

3. Home country

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4. Mother tongue \_\_\_\_\_

5. What do you study in the host country? In which department/departments?

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6. How long are you going to stay in the host country? \_\_\_\_\_ months

7. Why did you decide to come to the host country as an exchange student?

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8. What has surprised you most about the host country?

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9. What have you enjoyed most about the host country?

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10. What have you enjoyed least about the host country?

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**B. Questions about studying**

1. Were you able to get information about studying in the host country before your arrival?  
Yes  No

2. If you got information in advance, who gave it to you or how did you get it?

- from staff at your home university
- from students at your home university who studied earlier in the host country
- at information events organised by your home university
- from the website of the host university
- through contacts with staff at the host university (via email, letters, phone calls...)
- some other way (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

3. Were you given, beforehand, information about what is expected of you when you

- take an exam?
- write an essay?
- write a seminar paper?
- write a summary?
- write a report/portfolio?

4. Are you used to a different form of studying at your home university?

- Yes
- No
- Yes and no

5. If you answered 'yes' to the previous question, please explain how studying in the host country differs from studying in your own country.

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**C. Social life**

1. Have you ever found yourself in a situation in the host country that was funny or embarrassing because you broke a cultural convention?  
Yes  No

2. If so, please describe the situation.

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**D. Important vocabulary**

Can you think of any phrases that it would be useful to know before coming to the host country? Write down ten phrases that would have been of use to you when you arrived. You do not need to put them in any order of importance.

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- 2. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. \_\_\_\_\_
- 6. \_\_\_\_\_
- 7. \_\_\_\_\_
- 8. \_\_\_\_\_
- 9. \_\_\_\_\_
- 10. \_\_\_\_\_

Other comments:

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If you are willing to be interviewed, please give your name and telephone number or address:

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