## 2011-12 Fall Study Abroad Evaluation

### San Jose, Costa Rica

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college. I am still not positive that this is the path I want to take.

Page 3, Q4. Describe the background of your classmates, e.g., all Americans, all Oxy students.

1 All of my classmates were American. About a third were from Duke University and the rest were from a variety of liberal arts schools. Feb 22, 2012 8:42 PM

Page 3, Q5. Describe your housing situation.

1 We stayed in homestays for three weeks and the rest of the time we traveled around the country staying in biological stations, indigenous communities, and hotels. Feb 22, 2012 8:42 PM

Page 4, Q2. In which of the following did you participate:

1 We volunteered in a primary care clinic. Feb 22, 2012 8:45 PM

Page 6, Q1. How much interaction did you have with people of the host country; other international students; other Americans?

1 We did not have much interaction with people of the host country. Feb 22, 2012 8:48 PM

Page 6, Q2. Did you contact Oxy alum living abroad as part of the Alumni and Study Abroad Partnership Program (ASAPP)?

1 No Feb 22, 2012 8:48 PM

Page 6, Q3. What strategies can you recommend for meeting locals and making friends?

1 Travel on your own! Feb 22, 2012 8:48 PM
### Page 6, Q3. What strategies can you recommend for meeting locals and making friends?

No.

### Page 6, Q4. Were there aspects of the culture with which you were not comfortable?

Make an effort to meet people. It is easy and comfortable to stay in a bubble of just American students but if you make an effort, locals are interested in getting to know you.

### Page 7, Q1. How much did you spend on airfare to/from your program?

$700

### Page 7, Q3. What was the approximate exchange rate during your stay?

1 dollar = 500 colones

### Page 7, Q4. How much did you spend on books and supplies?

$100

### Page 7, Q5. How much did you spend on local transportation to/from daily class?

$.50

### Page 7, Q6. How much did you spend on personal travel during your time abroad? Please specify length and nature of your personal travel.

$800 I took some weekend trips and had to pay for bus fare and food and hotels.
Page 7, Q6. How much did you spend on personal travel during your time abroad? Please specify length and nature of your personal travel.

I also traveled for a week over fall break.

Page 7, Q7. Describe how you took your meals, e.g., groceries prepared in kitchen, dining hall etc., and how much you spent on meals weekly, not including, bars, clubs etc.?

1 Meals were generally provided. Feb 22, 2012 8:52 PM

Page 7, Q8. What would you recommend as a minimum monthly budget for incidental expenses, excluding travel? Please include recommendations for such items as: local transportation to/from daily class, telephone calls, internet, laundry, museums, concerts, movies, cafes, restaurants, pubs and clubs.

1 $250 Feb 22, 2012 8:52 PM

Page 7, Q9. How do you recommend taking your money abroad? Did you open a local bank account?

1 I used my home bank account. Feb 22, 2012 8:52 PM

Page 8, Q1. What sort of items or clothing did you take along and then find you did not need?

1 I took only 7 shirts and a few pairs of shorts. I used all of it. Feb 22, 2012 8:53 PM

Page 8, Q2. What did you take that you found most useful?

1 My computer Feb 22, 2012 8:53 PM

Page 8, Q3. What do you wish you had brought along?

1 More going out clothes. Feb 22, 2012 8:53 PM
Page 8, Q4. Were there any items you wanted that you were unable to obtain?

1  No  Feb 22, 2012 8:53 PM

Page 8, Q5. In general, how would you describe the weather in the area in which your program was based?

1  Warm, rainy  Feb 22, 2012 8:53 PM

Page 8, Q6. Did you have access to computers and/or email? If so, please describe what type of computer services you used. Did you use your Oxy email?

1  Yes. I brought my laptop and had access to Oxy e-mail.  Feb 22, 2012 8:53 PM

Page 10, Q1. Any suggestions to the IPO for improving Occidental’s on-campus orientation or other services?

1  I felt well oriented.  Feb 22, 2012 8:56 PM

Page 10, Q2. What information about your program could be emphasized more to prospective applicants?

1  We travel a lot. You will spend a lot of time with your professors  Feb 22, 2012 8:56 PM

Page 10, Q3. Describe the overall strengths and weaknesses of the program.

1  Strengths are that you are exposed to a lot of information about indigenous communities. Weaknesses are that you don't get much free time.  Feb 22, 2012 8:56 PM

Page 10, Q5. For what sorts of students, if any, would you recommend this program?

1  Pre-med students who want a more academically serious study abroad experience.  Feb 22, 2012 8:56 PM
Page 10, Q6. Are there students you would especially recommend not enrolling in this program?

|   | Students who want to make a lot of local friends. | Feb 22, 2012 8:56 PM |

Page 10, Q7. Would you select the same program, if you had it to do again?

|   | Australia | Feb 22, 2012 8:56 PM |