2010-11 Spring Study Abroad Evaluation

Fortaleza, Brazil

Page 1, Q3. Major
1 DWA

Page 1, Q4. Program (City, Country, Program Sponsor)
1 Fortaleza, Brazil, SIT

Page 2, Q2. To what extent did you succeed in accomplishing your goals? Why did you succeed or not?
1 I greatly succeeded in these goals. However, the academic component of the SIT program did not help in achieving these goals, and in fact, often felt like an impediment.

Page 3, Q1. How many students were on the program?
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Page 3, Q2. How many Oxy students?
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### Page 3, Q3. Please comment on the goals and academic abilities of your fellow students. How were they similar/dissimilar to yours?

| 1 | People came with differing academic interests and backgrounds, but all had fairly similar goals—learning the language, experiencing a different culture, etc. | Jul 7, 2011 8:40 AM |

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

| 1 | Students from all over the country (and one from Bermuda). We had students from George Washington University, Tufts, WashU, Claremont. | Jul 7, 2011 8:40 AM |

### Page 3, Q5. Describe your housing situation.

| 1 | I lived with a Brazilian family in a working-class neighborhood. | Jul 7, 2011 8:40 AM |

### Page 4, Q5. Did you experience academic problems?

| 1 | The lectures were structured terribly. It was three hours straight, all in Portuguese, little participation, and if translations were requested, it added another hour of time. Overall the academic part of the program was unengaging, frustrating, and of little value. | Jul 7, 2011 8:43 AM |

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

| 1 | No | Jul 7, 2011 8:45 AM |

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

| 1 | Don't be shy. Say yes to invitations, even if you initially feel inclined to say no. | Jul 7, 2011 8:45 AM |

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

| 1 | The noise was bothersome. | Jul 7, 2011 8:45 AM |
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