Page 1, Q3.  Major

1  History

Page 1, Q4.  Program (City, Country, Program Sponsor)

1  Prague, Czech Republic, CIEE

Page 2, Q2.  To what extent did you succeed in accomplishing your goals?  Why did you succeed or not?

1  Because I took Czech languages courses and all my classes related to Czech and Central European History in some form, I feel as though I learned a lot about the region I was living in. Though Czech was a very difficult language to learn, I learned enough to get by with simple conversations. I definitely feel like I grew as a person, since living abroad inevitably forces people to mature and become more independent.

Page 3, Q1.  How many students were on the program?

1  75

Page 3, Q2.  How many Oxy students?

1  2
### Page 3, Q3. Please comment on the goals and academic abilities of your fellow students. How were they similar/dissimilar to yours?

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<th>Many of the students had the same goals as I did, and it was nice to be with students who wanted the same things out of the program.</th>
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### Page 3, Q4. Describe the background of your classmates, e.g., all Americans, all Oxy students.

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

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<th>I lived in a 2 bedroom apartment with 3 flatmates- 2 American students and 1 Czech student who got free room and board in exchange for helping American students and CIEE. I loved living with my American roommates, but did not spend much time with my Czech roommate. My apartment was incredibly nice and in a very upscale neighborhood with plenty of cafes, shops, and grocery stores surrounding it. It was centrally located and right by public transportation stops.</th>
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### Page 4, Q3. List any courses and/or professors you would recommend.

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

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

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<th>Be as friendly and open to new experiences as possible.</th>
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Page 6, Q4. Were there aspects of the culture with which you were not comfortable?

1 Prague is very different than any place I've ever been, and Czechs aren't the friendliest of people. It took a while to adjust to their customs and learn how to live in a new culture.

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

1 $300 (I used miles)

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

1 18 Czech Crowns = 1 US Dollar

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

1 $10

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

1 None- a public transportation pass was included in my tuition

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

1 I would normally travel from Friday-Sunday... airfare would cost between $200-$300, and hostels would cost about $30 a night.

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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 I spent about $20 a week on groceries and cooked dinner most nights. I would

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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.?

usually go out for meals twice a week and it normally cost between $10-$15.

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 I used a pay-as-you-go-phone and normally put about $14 on it every 2 weeks. Internet cost $7 a month per person in my apartment and laundry was free. Movies were not more than $5, cafes were pretty cheap, and restaurants could cost anywhere between $5-$20, depending on the type of food and how much you bought. May 16, 2011 12:37 PM

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

1 I did not open a local bank account. I recommend taking out large amounts of cash from ATMs at a time and then hiding it somewhere in the apartment, since ATMs charged a lot for withdrawing money. May 16, 2011 12:37 PM

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

1 I brought too many t-shirts and pants. I found that I wore the same things over and over again. May 16, 2011 12:43 PM

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

1 A raincoat and rain boots. May 16, 2011 12:43 PM

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

1 Snow boots. May 16, 2011 12:43 PM
Page 8, Q4. Were there any items you wanted that you were unable to obtain?

1 The shopping in Prague is somewhat limited and so finding new clothes and shoes was difficult.  
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Page 8, Q5. In general, how would you describe the weather in the area in which your program was based?

1 It was very cold when I first got to Prague in January - between 20-30 degrees and snowing. It warmed up throughout the semester but did not get warmer than 70 degrees.  
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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 had access to internet in both my apartment and at school, and the school also had computers available with internet. I frequently used my Oxy email.  
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Page 10, Q3. Describe the overall strengths and weaknesses of the program.

1 I thought my program did a great job overall... the orientation was a little stressful but in the end we did have a great grasp on the public transportation system. They organized a lot of events for the students and were very attentive to our needs. The only weakness was in the housing - they did not deal with housing issues very effectively, and it had an affect on many people's abroad experiences.  
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Page 10, Q6. Are there students you would especially recommend not enrolling in this program?

1 Prague is not a very westernized country... there are a few McDonalds and Starbucks but for the most part it is a completely different world. If someone is uncomfortable not being able to read a street sign or not understand a menu at first, Prague is not the place for them. Culture shock definitely comes with the territory of going to Prague, and you need to be prepared for it.  
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