2010-11 Spring Study Abroad Evaluation

Amsterdam, Netherlands

Page 1, Q3. Major

1 UEP  Sep 21, 2011 12:27 AM
2 Economics  Jul 6, 2011 2:24 PM

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

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

1 This program facilitated a vast array of different opportunities. I HIGHLY recommend CIEE AMSTERDAM to any of my fellow students seeking to go abroad. Wonderful most helpful staff and incredible location. It's always good to remember that you will learn so much more about yourself when out of your comfort zone than you will about the culture you are foreign to. I would say I feel pretty "successful" in achieving my goals for going abroad.  Sep 21, 2011 12:30 AM

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

1 about 35  Sep 21, 2011 12:32 AM
Page 3, Q2. How many Oxy students?

1 4

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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 They were generally the same. However, each individual's experience, especially when traveling, is its own no matter what.

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

1 My classes ranged from all CIEE students to an array of foreign students from all different countries.

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Page 3, Q5. Describe your housing situation.

1 A very nice little flat with my own room, shared a kitchen with a flat-mate.

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

1 Regeboog- homeless shelter NDSM Warf art project (CIEE led)

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Page 4, Q3. List any courses and/or professors you would recommend.

1 Bonny Wassing- CIEE Jan Van Luxemburg (may be retired now) Marietta De Brune

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Page 4, Q4. List any courses and/or professors you would suggest avoiding.

1 none

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

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<th>None, really, except for some of the current political problems concerning Muslim immigration to the Netherlands, but it also provided a critical means of study.</th>
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**Page 6, Q5.** What suggestions do you have for future participants for engaging with the culture?

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

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

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

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

1. None  

**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. About 500.00 euro total... I travelled by train and plane to Germany, France and Spain  

**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 50 euros per week on grocery, as I mostly cooked in the kitchen provided in my flat.  

**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. Probably 300.00 euro monthly  

**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, but the ATM fees did add up to quite a bit of money by the end of the trip.  

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

1. None  

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

1. JACKETS!! Hats, scarves, gloves in the winter months it can be FREEZING!!!!
Page 8, Q2. What did you take that you found most useful?

Page 8, Q3. What do you wish you had brought along?
1 More scarves/ things to keep your face warm when biking! Sep 21, 2011 12:42 AM

Page 8, Q4. Were there any items you wanted that you were unable to obtain?
1 no Sep 21, 2011 12:42 AM

Page 8, Q5. In general, how would you describe the weather in the area in which your program was based?
1 FREEZING in the winter, and quite pleasant in the spring... rainy but also had some very nice sunny days. Sep 21, 2011 12:42 AM

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. Free Ethernet in the living quarters. Sep 21, 2011 12:42 AM

Page 10, Q1. Any suggestions to the IPO for improving Occidental’s on-campus orientation or other services?
1 you guys do a great job! one of my favorite offices to visit on campus! Sep 21, 2011 12:45 AM

Page 10, Q2. What information about your program could be emphasized more to prospective applicants?
1 The exchange rate in Europe is steadily increasing... be aware and bring more money than you think you need. Sep 21, 2011 12:45 AM

Page 10, Q5. For what sorts of students, if any, would you recommend this program?
1 UEP/Sociology... any students interested in urban studies... anybody looking for
**Page 10, Q5. For what sorts of students, if any, would you recommend this program?**

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<td>a paradigm shift on life.</td>
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**Page 10, Q6. Are there students you would especially recommend not enrolling in this program?**

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<td>Any student who really wants to go and learn the language as most Dutch citizens speak very proficient english.</td>
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**Page 12, Q2. Please provide any additional comments here.**

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