



# Middle East Partnership Initiative (MEPI) Study of the U.S. Institute for Undergraduate Student Leaders



## [INSERT NAME OF INSTITUTION] 2007 Post Survey

Congratulations on finishing your Summer Institute!

Before you leave, we would like to ask you a few questions about your program, plans, and opinions. The purpose of these questions is to help us better understand the diversity of our participants, the impact of the program, and to help us design better programs in the future.

Please feel free to give us your honest opinions. This survey is not a test, and there are no right or wrong answers. Thank you for your participation, and we wish you safe and happy travels home.

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The information solicited on this survey is requested pursuant to the Government Performance and Results Act of 1993 (P.L. 103-62) and the Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act of 1961, as amended, also known as the Fulbright-Hays Act (22 U.S.C. 2451, et seq.). In order to ensure that the U.S. Department of State's international exchange programs meet statutory program requirements (22 U.S.C. 2460(c)), the Department's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) regularly monitors the programs, gathers data about program accomplishments, and evaluates selected ones. ECA uses the information collected to inform program design, management, and funding. All personal information that is collected through surveys is considered confidential. All responses are coded to ensure the confidentiality of individual responses. Data collected under this study will not be shared, sold, or used for fundraising purposes. Survey data and findings will be used only in an aggregate form for the express purposes of fulfilling the data needs of the outcome assessment. Responses to this survey are voluntary.

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1. Exchange programs provide participants with many important opportunities for learning and engaging people from other countries. In the table below, please select the **three** most important accomplishments of your program.

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[INSERT Institute specific program goal 1]	
[INSERT Institute specific program goal 2]	
[INSERT Institute specific program goal 3]	
[INSERT Institute specific program goal 4]	
[INSERT Institute specific program goal 5]	
[INSERT Institute specific program goal 6]	
Other (Please write in):	

2. Please elaborate on the impact of any of these or other accomplishments, not listed above.

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3. Please rate your satisfaction with the following program components. *Please check one box in each row.*

	Very Dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Neutral	Satisfied	Very Satisfied
Administration					
Content					
Variety of experiences					
Relevance of program to professional or educational development					

4. Please rate your satisfaction with the following specific program components. *Please check one box in each row.*

	Very Dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Neutral	Satisfied	Very Satisfied
Interactions with the United States embassy in your home country prior to departure for the United States					
Correspondence with your Institute, travel info, and other preparations prior to departure for the United States					
State Department welcome reception					
On-campus Institute orientation					
Administration/organization of the Institute (for example, whether program events were well-planned and run efficiently, whether scheduling and itinerary was well-organized, etc.)					
Institute academic content (topics covered, readings, etc.)					

	<b>Very Dissatisfied</b>	<b>Dissatisfied</b>	<b>Neutral</b>	<b>Satisfied</b>	<b>Very Satisfied</b>
Teaching quality (professors engaging? lessons well-structured, interactive?)					
Homework load					
Institute leadership training content					
Leadership faculty/trainer quality					
Guest speakers/guest faculty					
Program administrative staff					
Student mentors/escorts/RAs					
Housing					
Meals					
Access to libraries/campus facilities					
Access to the Internet/email, computing facilities					
Cultural/entertainment activities					
Out-of-classroom trips and meetings					
Site visits (including overnight trips)					
Sensitivity of program to your cultural or religious needs					
Community service activities					

5. What did you like best about the program?

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6. What did you like least about the program?

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7. Do you have any suggestions for improvement of the program?

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8. Please rate your current knowledge and understanding of the following topics and themes highlighted in your MEPI Study of the US Summer Institute program. *Please check one box in each row.*

	No Knowledge	Less Than Basic	Basic Knowledge	Beyond Basic	Advanced Knowledge
Leadership					
Community service					
Political engagement and activism					
The structure of the United States government					
The history of the United States					
The role of an independent media in American society					
United States economy					
Business practices in the United States					
American values, society and culture					

9. While you were in the United States, did you increase your knowledge and understanding of the following topics and themes highlighted in your MEPI Study of the US Summer Institute program? *Please check one box in each row.*

	No, not at All	A Little	Somewhat	A Good Deal
Leadership				
Community service				
Political engagement and activism				
The structure of the United States government				
The history of the United States				
The role of an independent media in American. society				
United States economy				
Business practices in the United States				
American values, society and culture				

10. Please rate your current skills in these areas. *Please check one box in each row.*

	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Read English				
Speak English				
Write English				
Make presentations in English				
Use the Internet for research				

11. What did you accomplish or learn, during this MEPI Study of the US Summer Institute program that you could not accomplish or learn at home?

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12. What is the most important thing you learned about the United States while on this program?

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13. What is the most important thing you learned about your own country while on this program?

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14. Do you think you will share your program experience or the knowledge you gained during your exchange in any of the following ways? *Please check one box in each row.*

	Yes	No
Participate in media interviews (newspaper, television, radio, internet)		
Give presentations to community, neighborhood, school or university groups		
Write newspapers articles, including editorials and opinion pieces.		
Write academic books		
Write non-academic books		
Write academic articles—for journals or academic publications		
Other ( <i>Please write in</i> ):		

15. As a direct result of your participation in the exchange program, do you think you will do or receive any of the following **at school or university**? *Please check one box in each row.*

	Yes	No
Higher level of responsibilities or leadership at school/university		
Organize or initiate new activities or projects at school/university		
Establish a new organization at school/university		

16. As a direct result of your participation in the exchange program, do you think you will do or receive any of the following **in your community**? *Please check one box in each row.*

	Yes	No
Assume a leadership role or position in your community		
Organize or initiate new activities or projects in your community		
Establish a new organization in your community		

17. How much do you agree/disagree with the following statements about you as an individual? *Please check one box in each row.*

	Strongly Disagree	Somewhat Disagree	Neither agree nor Disagree	Somewhat Agree	Strongly Agree
I feel I have many choices in my life					
I feel I can make a difference in my family					
I feel I can make a difference in my community					
I feel I can influence people around me					

18. Please rate your knowledge or understanding of the following topics. *Please check one box in each row.*

	No Knowledge	Less Than Basic	Basic Knowledge	Beyond Basic	Advanced Knowledge
United States democracy					
United States economy					
United States values and culture					
Religious and ethnic diversity in the United States					
Freedom of speech and press in the United States					
Voluntary community service in the United States					
Daily life in the United States					

19. How much did participation in the program change your understanding or knowledge of the following topics? *Please check one box in each row.*

	No Change	Minimal Change	Moderate Change	Substantial Change
United States democracy				
United States economy				
United States values and culture				
Religious and ethnic diversity in the United States				
Freedom of speech and press in the United States				
Voluntary community service in the United States				
Daily life in the United States				

20. How do you view the United States government and the American people? *Please check one box in each row.*

	Strongly Unfavorable	Generally Unfavorable	Neither favorable or unfavorable	Generally Favorable	Strongly Favorable
United States government					
American people					

21. How did your views of the United States government and the American people change as a result of your program participation? *Please check one box in each row.*

	Much Less Favorable	Less Favorable	No Change	More Favorable	Much More Favorable
United States government					
American people					

22. How do you view the United States government and its relationship with your home country?

	<b>Strongly Disagree</b>	<b>Disagree</b>	<b>Neither Agree or Disagree</b>	<b>Agree</b>	<b>Strongly Agree</b>
The United States government is a trustworthy partner for my country					

23. Please respond with your evaluation of the following statements about the United States. *Please check one box in each row.*

	<b>Strongly Disagree</b>	<b>Disagree</b>	<b>Neither Agree nor Disagree</b>	<b>Agree</b>	<b>Strongly Agree</b>
Americans rely on a system of laws to protect the individual					
Americans are materialistic					
The United States is a violent country where people do not feel safe					
The United States is a well-functioning democracy					
Americans are not well informed about my region of the world					
Americans are not a religious people					
Americans are family-oriented					
Americans play an active role in their communities					
The United States provides equal opportunities for all					
The United States has even-handed policies toward Muslim countries					
The United States imposes its views on other countries					

24. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the statements below? *Please check one box in each row.*

	<b>Strongly Disagree</b>	<b>Disagree</b>	<b>Neither Agree nor Disagree</b>	<b>Agree</b>	<b>Strongly Agree</b>
Voting is important because real decisions are made in elections					
Free and fair elections are the cornerstone of democracy					
An independent media is important to the free flow of information					
All citizens in a country should have equal rights and protections under the law, regardless of circumstances					
The Rule of Law is fundamental to a functioning democracy					
Individuals and organizations have the right to free speech and to voice opposition					



	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
Democratic principles enhance the workplace. Supervisors should incorporate democratic principles into their management practices					

25. To what extent have your expectations or plans for the future changed as a result of participating in the program?

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Not Changed at All	
Have Changed Somewhat	
Have Changed a Great Deal	
Unsure	

26. If so, how have they changed?

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27. Do you think you will remain in contact with people you met during your exchange program?

	✓
Yes	
No	

28. Do you think you will stay in touch with the following people when you return home? *Please check one box in each row.*

	Yes	No	Do Not Know
Other Institute program participants			
Institute staff/program administration			
Institute Faculty			
Student facilitators			
Other students			
Americans in the community whom you met			
U.S. State Department staff in Washington D.C.			
U.S Embassy staff			
Other ( <i>Please write in</i> ): _____			

29. What year of university/college have you **most recently completed**?

	✓
None	

1 <sup>st</sup> year	
2 <sup>nd</sup> year	
3 <sup>rd</sup> year	
4 <sup>th</sup> year	
5 <sup>th</sup> year	

30. Which of these fields are you considering studying or working in when you graduate? *Please check one.*

	✓		✓
Agriculture		Media, mass communications, journalism, communication technology, advertising, graphics	
Athletics		Medicine	
Arts and humanities (history, languages, literature, art, theater, etc.)		Military service	
Business administration, finance		Public administration	
Computer science, information technology		Public health	
Education		Religion	
Engineering		Science (physics, math, chemistry, biology, astronomy, geography, agronomy, etc.)	
Environment		Social sciences (sociology, economics, psychology, political science, etc.)	
Government		Social work	
Humanitarian affairs, development assistance, conflict resolution		Teaching English, English language instructions	
International relations		Teaching (general)	
Labor, trade unions		Not sure	
Law, judicial, law enforcement		Other ( <i>Please write in</i> ):	
Library and information science		_____	

31. Geographic location: I live in...

	✓
My country's capital city	
Another major city in my country other than the capital	
A small city, town or rural location in my country	

32. Home Country [Drop down box]

33. Age [Drop down box]

34. Gender

	✓
Female	
Male	

35. Which language do you consider to be your native language/mother tongue? \_\_\_\_\_

36. What religious group do you consider yourself a member of or feel closest to? *Please check one.*

	✓		✓
Baha'ism		Judaism	
Buddhism		Shintoism	
Christianity		Sikhism	
Confucianism		Taoism	
Hinduism		Zoroastrianism	
Islam		Other ( <i>Please write in</i> ):	
Jainism		_____	

37. Do you know about and have you registered for the State Department Alumni website, <https://alumni.state.gov?>

	✓
Yes, I know about it and I have registered	
Yes, I know about it but I have not yet registered	
Yes, I know about it but I do not plan to register	
No, I do not know about it	

38. Thank you for completing this survey! If you have additional comments you would like to make, please do so here.

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39. How long did it take you to complete this survey? \_\_\_\_\_ Minutes

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION!**