



Global Undergraduate Exchange Program in Eurasia and Central Asia 2009-2010

Pre-Program Survey

Dear Student,

Congratulations on being chosen as a Ugrad participant! Before you leave for your exciting year as an exchange student in the United States, the Global Undergraduate Exchange Program would like to ask you a few questions.

These questions will be used to evaluate the Program and to make it better for you and for future participants. Please answer all of the questions and respond to them as best you can. This is not a test, and there are no right or wrong answers. Your thoughts and opinions are important to us and will not affect your participation in the program.

Thank you for your help and have a wonderful year!

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1. What is your primary reason for participating in the Global Undergraduate Exchange Program?

2. There are many different reasons for participating in the Global Undergraduate Exchange Program. In the table below, please identify your **three** most important reasons for participating.

	✓
To improve my leadership skills	
To learn about community service	
To increase my understanding of the United States and United States society, people, and culture	
To increase my understanding of my field of study	
To make friends with American students and their families	
To share my culture with others	
Other (please write in): _____	

3. Please rate your current understanding of the topics listed below. *Please check one box in each row.*

	No Knowledge	Less Than Basic	Basic Knowledge	Beyond Basic	Advanced Knowledge
Leadership					
Community service					
Your field of study					
Other (please write in): _____					

4. To what extent do you expect the program to increase your understanding of the following topics? *Please check one box in each row.*

	Not At All	To A Small Extent	To A Good Extent	To A Great Extent
Leadership				
Community service				
Your field of study				
Other (please write in): _____				

5. What do you see yourself as accomplishing or learning during this visit to the United States that you could not accomplish or learn at home?

6. What does community service mean to you?

7. Please rate yourself on the following abilities. *Please check one box in each row.*

	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Being self-reliant, being independent, relying on yourself				
Speaking in public				
Listening to other people's suggestions or concerns				
Expressing ideas and feelings				
Being tolerant of people different than you				
Leading a team and motivating others				
Being flexible				
Solving problems				
Planning for the future				
Managing your time				
Managing money				
Discussing your beliefs/values				
Willing to make changes in your community				

8. Please rate your current abilities in English. *Please check one box in each row.*

	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Read English				
Speak English				
Write English				
Make presentations in English				

9. Please rate your current abilities using computer technology. *Please check one box in each row.*

	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Use the Internet for research				
Use E-mail				
Use different software programs				

10. 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					

	No Knowledge	Less Than Basic	Basic Knowledge	Beyond Basic	Advanced Knowledge
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					

11. 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 Nor Unfavorable	Generally Favorable	Strongly Favorable
United States Government					
American people					

12. How do you view the United States Government and its relationship with your country?

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
The United States Government is a trustworthy partner for my country					

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

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

14. What is the first positive thing you think about when you think about the United States?

15. What is the first negative thing you think about when you think about the United States?

16. Have you visited the United States before? *Please check one box.*

	✓
Yes	
No	

17. If you answered “yes” to question #16, how long did you stay on your last trip to the United States? *Please check one box.*

	✓
Less than 6 months	
6 to 12 months	
More than 12 months	
I have never visited the United States before	

18. Do you have any connections to the United States? *Please check all boxes that apply.*

	✓
Family ties	
Friends	
Religion	
Teachers	
Academic	
Professional	
Travel/Personal Experience	
No Ties	

19. What year of college/university have you **most recently completed**? *Please check one box.*

	✓
1 st Year undergraduate	
2 nd Year undergraduate	
3 rd Year undergraduate	
4 th Year undergraduate	
5 th Year undergraduate	
None/Not Applicable	

20. What field will you study in the United States? *Please check one box.*

	✓		✓
Accounting		Hospitality Management	
Agriculture/Environmental Management		International Relations	
American Studies		Journalism/Communications	
Business		Law	
Computer Science		Political Science	
Criminal Justice		Psychology	

	✓		✓
Economics		Sociology	
Education		Do Not Know	

21. How do you think you will adapt to life in the United States? *Please check one box.*

	Very Difficult	Somewhat Difficult	Neither Difficult Nor Easy	Somewhat Easy	Very Easy
Adapting to life in the United States will be...					

22. Which best describes the geographic location where you live? *Please check one box.*

	✓
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	

23. Age: _____

24. Home Country: _____

25. Gender:

	✓
Female	
Male	

26. Which religion do you most closely identify with? *Please check one box.*

	✓		✓
Baha'ism		Judaism	
Buddhism		Shintoism	
Christianity (for example: Orthodox, Catholic, Protestant)		Sikhism	
Confucianism		Taoism	
Hinduism		Zoroastrianism	
Islam		None	
Jainism		Other (please write in): _____	

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

28. How long did it take you to complete this survey? _____ minutes