



Global Undergraduate Exchange Program Post-Program Survey 2008 - 2009 Participants

Congratulations on finishing the Global Undergraduate Exchange Program!

We would like to ask you a few questions about your program, your plans, and your opinions about your experience. Please know that your answers will be strictly confidential and will in no way affect your participation in the program. We will use the data for analytical and evaluative purposes only.

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 in this survey.

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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 identify the **three** most important accomplishments of your exchange program.

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| | ✓ |
| Improved my leadership skills | |
| Learned about community service | |
| Increased my understanding of the United States and United States society, people, and culture | |
| Increased my understanding of my field of study | |
| Made friends with American students and their families | |
| Shared my culture with others | |
| Other (please write in): _____ | |

2. Please elaborate on the most important accomplishment that can be linked to your exchange experience.

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 specific program components of the Global Undergraduate Exchange Program listed below. *Please check one box in each row.*

| | Very Dissatisfied | Dissatisfied | Neutral | Satisfied | Very Satisfied |
|---|-------------------|--------------|---------|-----------|----------------|
| Information received about the program prior to departure | | | | | |
| Pre-program orientation | | | | | |

| | Very Dissatisfied | Dissatisfied | Neutral | Satisfied | Very Satisfied |
|---|-------------------|--------------|---------|-----------|----------------|
| Administration/logistics (for example: whether your stipend was paid on time, whether program events were well-planned and run efficiently) | | | | | |
| Program staff | | | | | |
| Access to Internet connectivity/email, adequate computing facilities | | | | | |
| Program content | | | | | |
| Agenda: Briefings, meetings and interviews | | | | | |
| Mid-program workshop/UN simulation | | | | | |
| Cultural/entertainment activities | | | | | |
| Sensitivity of program to your cultural or religious needs | | | | | |
| Preparation for program end and return home | | | | | |

5. Please rate your current knowledge and 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): _____ | | | | | |

6. While you were in the United States, how much did you improve your knowledge and understanding of the following topics and themes? *Please check one box in each row.*

| | Not At All | Somewhat | A Good Deal | A Great Deal |
|-----------------------------------|------------|----------|-------------|--------------|
| Leadership | | | | |
| Community service | | | | |
| Your field of study | | | | |
| Other (please write in): _____ | | | | |

7. 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 presentation in English | | | | |

8. 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 | | | | |

9. Looking back, how much did the Global Undergraduate Exchange Program help you improve your skills in these areas? *Please check one box in each row.*

| | Not At All | Somewhat | A Good Deal | A Great Deal |
|--|------------|----------|-------------|--------------|
| English (reading, writing, speaking) | | | | |
| Computer (Internet, software programs) | | | | |

10. 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 | | | | |

11. Thinking ahead, how do you think you will apply what you learned upon returning home?

12. Do you think you will share your program experience or the knowledge you gained during your exchange visit 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 (please write in): _____ | | |

13. 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 | | |

14. 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 | | |

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

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| | ✓ |
| Yes | |
| No | |

16. Do you think you will establish or continue professional collaborations that grew out of your exchange experience?

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| | ✓ |
| Yes | |
| No | |

17. As a result of your exchange experience, do you think you or your organization will establish a formal, institutional relationship with another organization?

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| | ✓ |
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| Yes | |
| No | |

18. If you answered “yes” to either question(s) 15, 16, or 17 listed above, please comment on any relationships, collaborations, partnerships you intend to develop as a result of your participation in the program.

19. 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 | | | | | |

20. 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 | | | | |

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

| | Strongly Disagree | Disagree | Neither Agree Nor Disagree | Agree | Strongly Agree |
|--|--------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|--------------|-----------------------|
| The United States Government is a trustworthy partner for my country | | | | | |

22. 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 | | | | | |

23. How did your views of the United States Government and the American people change as a result of your program participation?

| | Much Less Favorable | Less Favorable | No Change | More Favorable | Much More Favorable |
|--------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| United States Government | | | | | |
| American people | | | | | |

24. 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 | | | | | |

25. How difficult was it for you to 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 was... | | | | | |

26. What field did you study in the United States? *Please check one box.*

| | ✓ | | ✓ |
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| 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 | |

27. 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 | |

28. Home country: _____

29. Age: _____

30. Gender:

| | ✓ |
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| Female | |
| Male | |

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

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

