

CCC SOAR Study Abroad Follow-Up Survey 02/16/12

You are being asked to participate in a study conducted by Dr. Gary Rhodes, Dr. Rosalind Raby, and other investigators associated with the Center for Global Education at the University of California, Los Angeles. You were selected as a possible participant in this research study because you have participated in a California community college study abroad program. Your participation in this study is voluntary.

Why is this study being done?

The effects of study abroad on learning and success at the California community colleges are not well known. The purpose of this research study is to document the effects of study abroad on students at California community colleges.

What will happen if I take part in this research study?

If you participate in this research study, you will be asked to do the following:

1. Complete an online pre-departure survey before leaving for your study abroad program
2. Complete an online post-program survey within three weeks of returning from your study abroad program
3. Complete an online follow-up survey between three and six months after returning from your program.

How long will I be in the research study?

Each online survey is estimated to take no more than 15 minutes to complete. The surveys will be taken over the course of roughly six months.

Are there any potential risks or discomforts that I can expect from this study?

Participating in this research study is unlikely to put you at any risk. Also, the online surveys can be completed at your convenience.

Are there any potential benefits if I participate?

It is not likely you will directly benefit from participating in this research study.

However, the results of this research study will help in understanding how California community college study abroad programs affect student outcomes. The results may support the continuation and increase of study abroad programs at community colleges.

Will I receive any payment if I participate in this study?

After completing all three online surveys, you will be entered into a raffle for prizes to reward your participation.

Will information about me and my participation be kept confidential?

Any information that is obtained from you and that can identify you will remain confidential. It will be disclosed only with your permission or as required by law. All your information will be stored in a secure database. Only investigators conducting this research study will have access to the database.

Withdrawal of participation by the investigator

The investigator may withdraw you from participating in this research study if circumstances arise which make it necessary to do so.

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What are my rights if I take part in this study?

You may withdraw your consent at any time and discontinue participation without penalty or loss of benefits to which you were otherwise entitled.

You can choose whether or not you want to be in this study. If you volunteer to be in this study, you may leave the study at any time without consequences of any kind. You are not waiving any of your legal rights if you choose to be in this research study. You may refuse to answer any questions that you do not want to answer and still remain in the study.

In the event of a research related injury, please immediately contact one of the researchers listed below. If you have any questions, comments or concerns about the research, you can talk to the one of the researchers. Please contact Dr. Gary Rhodes at (310) 206-5376 or grhodes@globaled.us

If you wish to ask questions about your rights as a research participant or if you wish to voice any problems or concerns you may have about the study to someone other than the researchers, please call the Office of the Human Research Protection Program at (310) 825-7122 or write to Office of the Human Research Protection Program, UCLA, 11000 Kinross Avenue, Suite 102, Box 951694, Los Angeles, CA 90095-1694.

Thank you for returning to complete the third and final survey. Again, the purpose of this research is to help document the impact of study abroad opportunities on individual student development and on this survey we want to know more about your impressions of your experience abroad now that some time has passed. By completing this survey and having completed the previous pre-departure and return surveys, you will be entered in the prize drawing. Prize winners will be contacted via email, so please be sure to provide your email address below.

This is a voluntary survey. All names will be kept confidential and will only be used to link your responses across all three surveys.

Do you acknowledge that you have read this information and agree to participate in this research, with the knowledge that you are free to withdraw your participation at any time without penalty?

- Yes
- No

Contact Information

First Name

Last Name

Email

Current Educational Status and Plans

Are you currently attending a college or university?

- No
- Yes

What college or university are you currently attending?

College/University:

Other (please specify):

How would you characterize your current enrollment at the college or university you are attending?

- Less than full time
- Full time

Please indicate your major(s) (if applicable):

Major #1

Major #2

Major(s):

Other (please specify):

Please indicate your minor(s) (if applicable):

Minor #1

Minor #2

Minor(s):

Other (please specify):

What is your current overall GPA on a 0.0 (F) to 4.0 (A) scale?

- 0.0-1.0
- 1.1-2.0
- 2.1-3.0
- 3.1-4.0

What are all of your current educational goals? (Check all that apply)

- Obtain an Associate's degree
- Transfer to a four year institution
- Discover/formulate career interests, plans, goals
- Prepare for a new career (acquire new job skills)
- Advance in current job/career (update job skills)
- Maintain a current certificate or license (e.g., nursing, real estate)
- Educational development (e.g., intellectual or cultural)
- Improve basic skills in English, reading or math
- Complete credit for high school diploma or GED
- To move from noncredit coursework to credit coursework
- Four-year college student pursuing Bachelor's degree
- Already have earned a Bachelor's degree or higher
- Undecided
- Other (please specify):

What is the highest academic degree you plan to attain in the future?

- Will take classes, but do not intend to earn a degree
- Vocational certificate
- Associate's degree (A.A./A.S.)
- Bachelor's degree (B.A., B.S., etc.)
- Master's degree (M.A., M.S., etc.)
- Doctoral degree (Ph.D., Ed.D., J.D. etc.)
- Medical degree (M.D., D.D.S., D.V.M., etc.)
- Undecided
- Have already achieved highest degree intended

Learning Experiences

Have you taken courses at this college or university since you studied abroad?

- No
- Yes

In your experience in college after study abroad, how often have you done each of the following?

	Never	Sometimes	Often	Very Often
Asked questions in class or contributed to class discussion	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Made a class presentation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Came to class without completing readings or assignments	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Memorized facts, ideas or methods from the course/readings to repeat them in pretty much the same form	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Analyzed new ideas and theories	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Made judgments about the value or soundness of information, arguments or methods	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Used information from the class to perform new skills	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Worked on a paper or project that required integrating ideas or information from various courses	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Worked harder than you thought you could to meet an instructor's standards or expectations	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Had serious conversations with students of a different race or ethnicity other than your own	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Had serious conversations with students who differ from you in terms of their religious beliefs, political opinions or personal values	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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How much has your experience in college after study abroad contributed to your knowledge, skills and personal development in the following areas?

	None	Very Little	Some	Quite a Bit	Very Much
Acquiring a broad general education	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Acquiring job or work-related knowledge and skills	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Writing clearly and effectively	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Speaking clearly and effectively	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Thinking critically and analytically	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Solving numerical problems	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Using computing and information technology	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Working effectively with others	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Learning effectively on your own	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Understanding yourself	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Understanding people of other racial and ethnic backgrounds	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Developing a personal code of values and ethics	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Contributing to the welfare of your community	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Developing clearer career goals	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Gaining information about career opportunities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Career

Are you currently employed?

- No
- Yes

In what field is your current occupation?

Occupation:

Other (please specify):

Do you plan to change to another occupation?

- No
- Yes

Since you plan to change to another occupation, what occupation would it be?

Occupation:

Other (please specify):

Is your current career internationally oriented?

- No
- Yes

Please elaborate:

Is your future career internationally oriented?

- No
- Yes

Please elaborate:

Impact of Study Abroad

To what degree has your study abroad experience influenced your career choice?

- Not at all
- Very little
- To some degree
- To a large degree

Please elaborate:

To what degree has your study abroad experience helped advance your career?

- Not at all
- Very little
- To some degree
- To a large degree

Please elaborate:

Have you changed your educational or career goals/plans as a result of your study abroad experience?

- No
- Yes

Please elaborate:

Impact of Study Abroad

When did you return from your most recent study abroad experience?

Month Year
Date:

Are you interested in working in a country outside of the U.S.?

- Not interested
- Somewhat interested
- Very interested

Are you interested in volunteering in a country outside of the U.S.?

- Not interested
- Somewhat interested
- Very interested

I see myself as a global citizen.

- Strongly disagree
- Somewhat disagree
- Somewhat agree
- Strongly agree

How supportive is your family of your previous study abroad experience?

- Not at all
- Very little
- Neutral
- To some degree
- To a large degree
- Do not know

How supportive would your family be of you studying abroad again?

- Not at all
- Very little
- Neutral
- To some degree
- To a large degree
- Do not know

Now that some time has passed since you returned from your study abroad, please describe the impact you believe your study abroad experience has had on your life.

What is the most valuable thing you have learned about yourself as a result of study abroad?

Have you studied abroad again?

- No
- Yes

Why or why not?

Would you be interested in participating in study abroad again?

- No
- Yes

Foreign Languages

Are you currently studying a foreign language?

- No
- Yes, same language spoken in the country I visited
- Yes, language different from what was spoken in the country I visited

Did you study in a country where you needed to speak a language other than English?

- No
- Yes

What was the host national language of the country where you studied?

What is your current proficiency in that language?

- No proficiency
- Low proficiency
- Moderate proficiency
- Excellent proficiency

To what extent do you currently use this language?

- Not at all
- Very little
- To some degree
- To a large degree

This completes the survey. Thank you!