

CCC SOAR Study Abroad Retrospective 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 long-term effects of participating in study abroad at the California community colleges are not well known. A purpose of this research study is to document these long-term effects for past student participants.

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

If you participate in this research study, you will be asked to complete an online survey about your study abroad participation and what you have done since your experience.

How long will I be in the research study?

The online survey is estimated to take no more than 15 minutes to complete.

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 survey 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 contribute to long-term 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?

You will not receive payment for 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 be 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.

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.

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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.

Who can answer questions I might have about this 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.

The purpose of this research is to help document the impact of study abroad opportunities on individual student development. In order to gauge how study abroad experiences affect students, we are asking students who participated in study abroad in the past to reflect upon their experience and indicate how their experience affected them.

This is a voluntary survey. All names will be kept confidential.

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

Study Abroad Program

Have you participated in a California Community College study abroad program? (Note: This survey is intended for those who have studied abroad through a California Community College)

- No
- Yes

How many times have you studied abroad through a California Community College?

- 1
- 2
- 3 or More

Please indicate the California Community College study abroad program you have participated in, start date, end date, location, and U.S. sponsoring institution.

	Month (start)	Year (start)	Month (end)	Year (end)	Country	Sponsoring Institution
Program:	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

If program took place in more than one (1) country, please list other countries:

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Program #3:	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Program #4:	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Program #5:	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

If program(s) took place in more than one (1) country, please list other countries by program:

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Other than through a California Community College, how many times have you studied abroad?

- 0
- 1
- 2
- 3 or More

Please indicate the non-California Community College study abroad program you have participated in, start date, end date, location, and U.S. sponsoring institution.

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Educational History

Please indicate the highest level of education you have completed:

- Not a graduate of, and no longer enrolled in high school
- Currently enrolled in K-12
- Currently enrolled in adult school
- Received high school diploma
- Passed GED or received a high school certificate of equivalency/completion
- Received a certificate of California high school proficiency
- foreign secondary school diploma/certificate of graduation
- Received an Associate's degree
- Received a Bachelor's degree or higher
- Received a Master's degree or higher
- Unknown

At which institution did you complete your highest degree?

College/University:

Other (please specify):

What was your 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 is the highest level of education obtained by your parents or guardians either in the U.S. or another country?

Mother or Female Guardian Father or Male Guardian

Education
Level:

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Before studying abroad, did you take courses at the community college where you did your study abroad program?

- No
- Yes

After studying abroad, did you take courses at the community college where you did your study abroad program?

- No
- Yes

How many quarters or semesters (choose one) were you enrolled at the community college where you did your study abroad program?

Quarters

Semesters

Current Educational Status

Are you currently enrolled in any college or university?

- No
- Yes

Which college or university are you attending?

College/University:

Other (please specify):

What is your current class level?

- Enrolled in community college
- Freshman
- Sophomore
- Junior
- Senior
- Enrolled in graduate school

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 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
- Graduate student pursuing a graduate 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

Career

Are you currently employed?

- No
- Yes

In what field is your current occupation?

Occupation:

Other (please specify):

To what degree did your study abroad experience influence 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 your career?

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

Please elaborate:

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

- No
- Yes

How did your study abroad experience influence this change in your educational or career goals/plans?



Is your career internationally oriented?

- No
- Yes

Please elaborate:



Are you studying to enter a different field than the one in which you are currently working?

- No
- Yes

Since you are studying to enter a different field than the one in which you are currently working, in what field is your intended occupation?

Occupation:

Other (please specify):

International and Global Knowledge

To what extent do you believe that your study abroad experience influenced your cultural awareness and sensitivity?

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

I see myself as a global citizen.

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

To what extent do you believe that your study abroad experience influenced your international and global awareness and knowledge?

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

Foreign Language Proficiency

What language is predominantly spoken in your home?

- English
- Spanish
- Chinese
- Vietnamese
- Korean
- Japanese
- Arabic
- Other (please specify):

What language(s) did you study in college prior to studying abroad?

- Spanish
- French
- German
- Italian
- Arabic
- Chinese
- Japanese
- I have not studied any languages in college
- Other (please specify):

Did you study in a country where you used language skills other than English?

- No
- Yes

Since you studied in a country where you used language skills other than English, what language did you use?

Please rate 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

Impact of Study Abroad

Have you traveled outside the United States since having studied abroad? (Check all that apply)

- Vacation
- Lived abroad for more than 3 months
- Volunteered abroad
- Worked abroad
- Served in the military abroad for more than 3 months
- Studied abroad again

As a result of your study abroad experience, are you/have you been more likely to work outside of the U.S.?

- No
- Yes

As a result of your study abroad experience, are you/have you been more likely to volunteer outside of the U.S.?

- No
- Yes

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 was the most valuable thing you learned or experienced during study abroad?

What was the least valuable part of your experience abroad?

This completes the survey. Thank you!