

## CCC SOAR Study Abroad Return 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](mailto: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.

Welcome back! Thank you for coming back to complete the return 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 immediate impressions of your recent experience abroad. We will be contacting you one final time in about six to nine months to complete the final survey as part of this research. Please be sure to include your email address below, especially if it has changed. Remember that only those students who complete all three surveys will be entered in the prize drawing.

This is a voluntary survey and is not connected to receiving a grade or credit for your study abroad course. 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**

Support Services

**Are you in Extended Opportunity Programs and Services (EOPS)?**

- No
- Yes

**Are you in Cooperative Agencies Resources for Education (CARE)?**

- No
- Yes

**What types of financial aid are you currently receiving? (Check all that apply)**

- Board of Governors (BOG) waiver
- Pell Grant
- Supplemental Education Opportunity Grant (SEOG)
- Cal Grant
- Scholarship
- Loan issued to student
- Loan issued to parent
- I am not receiving any financial aid
- Other (please specify):

Current Educational Status and Plans

**Are you currently attending college?**

- 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 at?**

- Less than full time
- Full time

**How supportive is your family of your enrollment in college the term after your return from study abroad?**

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

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

Major #1

Major #2

Major(s):

Other (please specify):

## 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
- 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



## Study Abroad Experience

### Which phrase best describes the faculty who taught you during your study abroad program?

- Only faculty from the community college(s) sponsoring the program
- Faculty from the sponsoring community college(s) and from other California community colleges
- Some faculty from the sponsoring community college(s) and some from the host country
- Only faculty from the host country

### What was your housing situation during your term abroad? (Check all that apply)

- Exclusively for U.S. students
- A dorm just for U.S. and other study abroad students
- A dorm primarily for host national students
- I lived in a hotel room
- I lived in a home stay
- I lived in a rented apartment
- Other (please specify):

### How much opportunity did you have for interacting with people from the host culture?

- None: no opportunities
- Limited: limited interaction in routine activities (such as shopping, dining, riding subway)
- Moderate: occasional interaction (such as conversations with teachers)
- Extensive: extensive interaction (such as making friends, interaction with families)

### Were you required to interact with people from the host culture as part of the program?

- No
- Yes

**In what ways were you required to interact with people from the host culture as part of the program?**

- Specific class activities
- Defined cultural integration program
- Service learning
- Internship program
- Other (please specify):

**To what degree were you encouraged by your program to think about or reflect upon your study abroad?**

- None: no class requirement for reflection about this experience
- Initial guidance: reflection was discussed during the program orientation, but not addressed again during the program
- Minimal guidance: reflection was discussed throughout the class, but was not part of required activities; a debriefing session may or may not have occurred
- Extensive guidance: reflection was an integral part of the course and shown through such activities as mentoring, reflective writing and research, and debriefing sessions

**How was your learning experience abroad different from those you experienced in a traditional U.S. classroom? (Check all that apply)**

- I was given more first-hand learning opportunities
- I interacted in greater depth with the topics at hand
- I was given a direct application of the subject
- I was in an immersion program, learning in another language
- No difference
- Other (please specify):

## Learning Experiences

**In your experience last term during study abroad, how often did you do 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 did your experience last term during study abroad contribute 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"/>



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## International and Global Knowledge

**Based on your knowledge after study abroad, please indicate your level of agreement with the following statements:**

	Strongly Disagree	Somewhat Disagree	Somewhat Agree	Strongly Agree
I understand how the cost of goods (e.g., clothing, cars) in the U.S. is affected by foreign manufacturing in at least one country outside the U.S.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I know how to purchase, activate, and use a cell phone in at least one country outside the U.S.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I know how to take a train, bus, or subway in at least one country outside the U.S.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I know how to talk my way out of difficult situations when interacting with others in at least one country outside the U.S.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I am aware of differences between cultures.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I know how to use foreign currency to purchase an item in a store in at least one country outside the U.S.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I know enough about a culture in at least one country outside the U.S. to compare and contrast it with my own.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I know the names of all seven continents.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I know the names of at least 3 rivers outside the U.S.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I know the names of at least 10 countries outside the U.S.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I know how to order food in a restaurant in at least one country outside the U.S.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I know how to explain U.S. foreign policy to my peers.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I know that leaving my comfort zone can be beneficial to meeting local people in a country outside the U.S.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I know what kinds of jokes would be funny to a person from at least one country outside the U.S.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I am sensitive to my own reactions to people from different cultural backgrounds.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I know how the political and personal freedom experienced by U.S. citizens compares and contrasts with the degree of freedom experienced by citizens in at least one country outside the U.S.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I know how to lead discussions and conversations in at	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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least one country outside the U.S.

I understand how world markets overseas can affect my intended career.

I am aware how my style of interacting with others may change in at least one country outside the U.S.

I know how to identify a safe social environment in at least one country outside the U.S.

I know how to respond to an upset individual in a public setting in at least one country outside the U.S.

I know how to be patient when interacting with people in at least one country outside the U.S.

I know how to be flexible when interacting with people in at least one country outside the U.S.

I understand why U.S. troops are stationed in countries outside the U.S.

I know how to locate useful information in a newspaper in at least one country outside the U.S.

I know enough about the essential norms and taboos (e.g. greetings, dress, behavior) to adjust my behavior appropriately in at least one country outside the U.S.

I know how to find different ways to express an idea that I am having trouble saying to a foreigner.

I know the names of at least 5 countries outside the U.S.

I know the capital cities in at least four countries outside the U.S.

I see myself as a global citizen.

**List up to five important health and/or safety issues facing people who live in the country in which you have studied.**

1.
2.
3.
4.
5.



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**List up to five important social and/or political issues facing the country in which you have studied.**

1.
2.
3.
4.
5.

Foreign Languages

**Did you take a foreign language course during your study abroad program?**

- No
- Yes

**What foreign language course did you take during your study abroad program?**

**While you were studying abroad, which language did you use outside of class?**

- English in almost all activities
- Part of the time in English, part of the time in the host national language of the country where I studied
- Host national language in almost all activities

**While you were studying abroad, which languages were you required to use in class?**

- English in almost all activities
- Part of the time in English, part of the time in the host national language of the country where I studied
- Host national language in almost all activities

**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?**

- Studied in a country where I only needed to speak English
- No proficiency
- Low proficiency
- Moderate proficiency
- Excellent proficiency

**Are/will you be taking a foreign language class the term after you studied abroad?**

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

**Since you are/will be taking a foreign language class the term after you studied abroad, what is the language of the class?**

- Spanish
- French
- German
- Italian
- Arabic
- Chinese
- Japanese
- Other (please specify):

Impact of Study Abroad

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

**What was the least valuable part of your experience abroad?**

**Please describe the impact your study abroad experience has had on you.**

**Are you interested in participating in study abroad again?**

- No
- Yes

Why or why not?



This completes the survey. Thank you!