



Middlebury Schools Abroad Evaluation: 2007-2008

Evaluating your period of study abroad is one of the most valuable services you can render Middlebury College and future students planning to study abroad, and it is one of the most important ways you can help us maintain the highest possible standards. For this reason, until this form is submitted to International Programs and Off Campus Study a hold will be placed on official Middlebury transcript requests for Middlebury College students who studied at Middlebury Schools Abroad (this does not apply to non-Middlebury students). Please note: If you studied abroad for two semesters on two different programs, you must submit two separate evaluations.

The staff of the Middlebury Schools Abroad/International Programs and Off Campus Study welcomes the opportunity to hear about your experiences abroad; please feel free to stop by or call and talk with us!

This document contains respondents between 1 and 5 inclusive.

1. Home Institution

Middlebury College

Other Institution

If other than Middlebury, please indicate your home institution:

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2. Your academic program

Major

Joint English and Music

Month & Year of (expected) graduation

May 2009

3. What was the period of your study abroad?

fall semester

spring semester

academic year

spring semester followed by fall semester

4. Given that educational systems abroad differ significantly from our own, please reflect on your adjustment to your host country's educational environment. What effects did this different academic environment have on your learning, both inside and outside the classroom? In what ways did you benefit from being in a different academic environment?

Before coming to France, I had already spent a semester in Scotland, which greatly prepared me for the difference in the academic system. In France, there was much less work on a day to day basis - generally just reading. There were also essays that you could do, but I was surprised to learn that they were all optional. The only grade that REALLY mattered was the final exam. This was surprising to me, but I did most of the optional work anyway, just to practice and get comfortable with writing in French. In general, the academics there really require a lot of self-discipline. If you are willing to do a lot of work and writing on your own time, then you'll be fine. But it is much easier to slack off and not get a lot done. This system gave me much more free time on a day to day basis, which was great, because I was able to do a lot of other activities and traveling. It also really taught me a lot about self-discipline, and I learned a lot about sorting my time well and keeping myself in line.

5. AFTER studying abroad, how do you now view the differences/similarities between the culture of your host country and that of your own?

	Identical	Very Similar	Mostly Similar	Somewhat Different	Very Different
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6. Please Comment:

I would say the differences in culture between France and the U.S. is somewhat different. Obviously, the academic life is very different and the amount of student involvement on campus. All the students were very independent and mostly lived at home, which detracted a lot from a sense of academic unity. In general, the view of life in France is quite different from here in the U.S. They really value free time, and the ability to spend time with family and take time for yourself. My host mother had, I think, about 8 weeks of paid vacation. And her work also offered highly reduced prices for music and art lessons, which she loved taking advantage of. You saw a lot more people taking time to eat, and walk, and enjoy the parks. It was a much slow, more relaxed pace of life, which I really enjoyed. It was a much less stressful environment, in general.

7. In what ways has study abroad contributed to your personal growth? What personal characteristics did you find most useful during your time abroad?

Studying in France and being able to take classes, pass exams, travel, and meet many interesting people (all in French!) was one of the most rewarding experiences of my life. It really took a lot of confidence to be able to interact at first, but once I took the jump, it was all so much easier. Confidence is a really useful characteristic to have. You can't be too shy or afraid to participate or interact with others. If you don't, you will just alienate yourself and won't be as involved in the culture. You should also be willing to try new things - be open-minded.

8. How has study abroad influenced your academic and career goals? How has it influenced your personal goals?

Academically, it didn't really alter my goals. I would really love to go to graduate school in Europe, though. I loved living there. As far as personal goals, it really taught me a new way to look at my environment. When I was abroad, I became so fascinated in where I was, what the history was, what culture was like, who the people were. And that whole interest has really transferred back with me in the states. I want to live here like I did in Europe - I want to travel and really KNOW the place I am living in. There is so much amazing stuff going around in one's backyard that one can often be oblivious to.

9. What was your housing situation during your study abroad?

- Homestay
- Dormitory/Student Residence/Foyer
- Apartment
- Other (please describe)

10. Do you feel that your housing situation provided you with an opportunity to integrate into the host culture, and/or provided you a context for gaining insight into the host culture?

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11. Please comment on your response to the question above.

Living with a host family was everything I expected. I really wanted to have that personal experience with the culture and be a part of a family environment. And it turned out to be all those things. It was so great to be able to live, eat with, and talk with a family everyday.

12. Did you take courses alongside students from the host country?

- Yes
- No

13. If you answered yes to the question above, how well do you feel that your mainstream classes helped you to develop relationships with nationals of the host country or integrate into the host culture?

- Poor
- Neutral
- Helpful
- Very Helpful
- Not Applicable

Comments

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14. Did you participate in any extra-curricular activities or internships?

- Yes
- No

15. If you answered yes to the question above, were your extra-curricular activities helpful in assisting your integration into the host culture?

- | Not helpful at all | Only slightly helpful | Somewhat helpful | helpful | Very helpful |
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16. Please describe the extra-curricular activities or internship in which you participated, and make any additional comments about these activities that you think would be helpful to Middlebury staff or future students.

I took piano lessons, some tango lessons, as well as worked as a teaching assistant for an English class. In general, I didn't meet a lot of LASTING relationships through these activities - although because of exams and travel, the tango lessons were much more sporadic than I would have liked. I did meet some Erasmus friends through the lessons, which was really great. And they led us on to meet a lot of really great international students.

17. What kind of progress did you make in your listening comprehension of the language?

No improvement

Little improvement

Improved somewhat

Improved

Very much improved

18. What kind of progress did you make in your ability to read in the language?

No improvement

Little improvement

Improved somewhat

Improved

Very much improved

19. What kind of progress did you make in your ability to write in the language?

No improvement

Little improvement

Improved somewhat

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20. What kind of progress did you make in your ability to speak in the language?

No improvement

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21. Please comment on the progress you made in your target language. Was it greater or less than you had expected? What do you think were some of the factors that contributed to your progress (or lack thereof), either on your own part or on the part of the program? Do you have any specific suggestions for the program and/or for future students that pertain to language learning?

In general, I was very pleased with the progress I made. I wished I could have improved more with the speaking of French, but I think this would have happened had I spent the whole year abroad. I don't think it was any fault of the program's - I just think it's the hardest aspect of the language for me, and it will take time until I am very very comfortable speaking with others. As for reading, writing, and comprehending I improved so much - especially because I took three Literature classes that were very reading and writing heavy and really forced me to improve in those areas.

22. Are there any particular academic strengths of your host university/program that you would recommend to other students?

Yes

No

Please explain:

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23. Are there any particular academic weaknesses of which other students should also be aware?

Yes

No

Please explain:

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24. Please tell us about the courses you took, including what level (intro/upper/seminar.) If you did an independent study project or internship, please describe it.

Course Title #1

Preliminary Course: Language and Culture

At which institution/university did you take this course?

Bordeaux 3 University

Means of assessment (e.g., papers, exams, homework, etc.)

exam

Please describe the course content:

This was basically just a preliminary course to help us adjust. There had been several strikes before we got to France, and so while former students were finishing exams, the new students took this course. It was composed of three parts: Literature, History, and Language/Culture.

Please describe the means by which the material/concepts for this course were conveyed, particularly if the teaching style was different from what you are used to.

It was basically lectures, although with the history we went to several museums.

Other comments about this course:

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25. Please indicate the extent of your agreement with the following statement:

"I learned a great deal in this course."

Strongly disagree

Disagree

Neither agree nor disagree

Agree

Strongly agree

26. Please indicate the extent of your agreement with the following statement:

"The instructor's teaching in this course was effective."

Strongly disagree

Disagree

Neither agree nor disagree

Agree

Strongly agree

27. Please tell us about the courses you took, including what level (intro/upper/seminar.) If you did an independent study project or internship, please describe it.

Course Title #2

19 & 20C French Literature

At which institution/university did you take this course?

Bordeaux 3

Means of assessment (e.g., papers, exams, homework, etc.)

papers, exam

Describe course content

This course was a literature course focusing on "poesie en prose" - prose-like poetry. The two authors we studied were Baudelaire and Ponge. It basically looked at a series of their poems and we look in depth at how the poet used a combination of prose and poetry to express their meaning. We also discussed each poet's personal technique and influences and well as the influences of the Romantic and Modernist eras.

Please describe the means by which the material/concepts for this course were conveyed, particularly if the teaching style was different from what you are used to.

I loved this class. The teacher, Mme Sabbah, was incredibly interesting and easy to understand. She was a little intimidating as far as class participation went, but in the end it was a very rewarding class. Each week we had one discussion period and one lecture period. Both were quite interesting. The discussion period mainly focused on analyzing specific works, while the lecture was mainly on Baudelaire's/ Pong's life and influences and their personal styles and techniques.

Other comments about this course:

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Course Title #3

French Lit: Theater & Laughter

At which institution/university did you take this course?

Bordeaux 3

Means of assessment (e.g., papers, exams, homework, etc.)

papers, final exam

Describe course content

The class was divided into two sections. One dealt with reading the poetry of Ronsard and the novel Manon Lescaut by Prevost. The other half dealt with reading a series of comedic plays by such authors as Moliere.

Please describe the means by which the material/concepts for this course were conveyed, particularly if the teaching style was different from what you are used to.

The class was composed of one lecture period and then one discussion period per week. The lecture period covered the background and influences of Ronsard and Prevost. The discussion section focused on the analysis of each work, and also dealt specifically with the comedies. There were several papers you could write (I wrote two) and then a final exam.

Other comments about this course:

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33. Please tell us about the courses you took, including what level (intro/upper/seminar.) If you did an independent study project or internship, please describe it.

Course Title #4

Comparative French Literature: Shakespeare as a "theatre negre"

At which institution/university did you take this course?

Bordeaux 3

Means of assessment (e.g., papers, exams, homework, etc.)

papers, final exam

Describe course content

The course dealt with comparing Shakespeare's "The Tempest" to Aime Cesaire's "Une Tempete". The class looked at each through a more political perspective - especially dealing with race, colonialism, and the "negre" movement of Cesaire.

Please describe the means by which the material/concepts for this course were conveyed, particularly if the teaching style was different from what you are used to.

There was only one lecture/discussion period per week. The teacher would lecture on ideas and techniques and students would respond. There were several papers you could turn in (I wrote two) and there was an in-class final exam.

Other comments about this course:

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36. Please tell us about the courses you took, including what level (intro/upper/seminar.) If you did an independent study project or internship, please describe it.

Course Title #5

French and European Ethnomusicology

At which institution/university did you take this course?

Bordeaux 3

Means of assessment (e.g., papers, exams, homework, etc.)

one expose (in-class presentation), two exams

Describe course content

The course covered the ethnomusicology mainly of France and some surrounding areas. The course dealt with different theories that were developed as a form of responding to traditional music. We listened to some music, and read many articles about different theories and forms/instruments in traditional music.

Please describe the means by which the material/concepts for this course were conveyed, particularly if the teaching style was different from what you are used to.

There was one lecture period per week (four hours long!). That was a long period of time to sit in at one time, but it was manageable. Basically it was all in lecture format.

Other comments about this course:

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39. Did Middlebury provide you with an appropriate orientation on arrival?

	Poor		Good		Excellent
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40. Did Middlebury provide you with sufficient support while you were abroad?

Poor

Good

Excellent

41. Were the on-site staff (Resident Director, Academic Director, Resident Coordinator, support staff, etc.) helpful to you during your study abroad?

Not helpful

Somewhat helpful

Very helpful

42. Did you see or experience any form of discrimination or harassment in your host country?

Yes

No

43. Would you recommend that other students attend this program or university? Why or why not?

Yes

No

Please explain:

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44. What advice would you give to other students considering study abroad in general, and this program or university in particular?

Be confident and open-minded. If you are going to Bordeaux, be ready to do a lot on your own, since the Middlebury site isn't based there. You have to be independent. But if you are, then you will have a great experience. Bordeaux is a beautiful city with many fun things to do. Just be sure to be friendly and try to meet new people - it will make your experience much more rewarding.

45. MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE STUDENTS ONLY: Did you attend Middlebury's on-campus pre-departure orientation meeting(s)?

Yes

No

46. MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE STUDENTS ONLY: Did you find the pre-departure meetings and handouts useful?

- Yes
- No
- N/A - Did not attend meetings

47. ALL STUDENTS: What aspects of the pre-departure process did you find particularly useful (or not), and how would you recommend that we improve the pre-departure meeting or supplemental materials?

I generally found all the handouts/advice in the pre-departure process to be very helpful. I especially liked the fact that they put you in contact with former abroad students, so you could discuss things with them about their experiences.

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Middlebury College

Other Institution

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2. Your academic program

Major

Political Science

Month & Year of (expected) graduation

May 2009

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fall semester

spring semester

academic year

spring semester followed by fall semester

4. Given that educational systems abroad differ significantly from our own, please reflect on your adjustment to your host country's educational environment. What effects did this different academic environment have on your learning, both inside and outside the classroom? In what ways did you benefit from being in a different academic environment?

Initial adjustment was the hardest part. Being around students in a 100-person lecture hall with half of them talking amongst themselves during the lecture made things hard. This didn't happen all the time but seemed to be the rule rather than the exception.

5. AFTER studying abroad, how do you now view the differences/similarities between the culture of your host country and that of your own?

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6. Please Comment:

Granted that I studied in a Western European country with which the US shares a lot of similarities, I still found that the differences between the two were striking. The experience really gave me a chance to be completely submerged in the French culture and I really got the chance to appreciate some of the intricacies of it.

7. In what ways has study abroad contributed to your personal growth? What personal characteristics did you find most useful during your time abroad?

Open mindedness was crucial. Although I'm from a small town in Vermont and this was my first trip outside of North America, my relative easy-goingness and being open to the differences the culture would bring me helped momentarily. I took things as they came, embraced them for what they were, and as a result my experience was great.

8. How has study abroad influenced your academic and career goals? How has it influenced your personal goals?

In terms of academics, I think I will pursue the French major and am now more open to a future career in the domain of international law. In the way of personal goals, I know that I will get back to France to experience more of that culture.

9. What was your housing situation during your study abroad?

- Homestay
- Dormitory/Student Residence/Foyer
- Apartment
- Other (please describe)

10. Do you feel that your housing situation provided you with an opportunity to integrate into the host culture, and/or provided you a context for gaining insight into the host culture?

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11. Please comment on your response to the question above.

It took a little initiative on my part to meet students also living in my residence--but from what I hear that tends to be the case in France (and anywhere in general). It's all about getting over that initial timidity.

12. Did you take courses alongside students from the host country?

- Yes
- No

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- Helpful
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Comments

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16. Please describe the extra-curricular activities or internship in which you participated, and make any additional comments about these activities that you think would be helpful to Middlebury staff or future students.

Soccer--Any team sport would have been great but I had played soccer for the Middlebury team for a little while so I fit in and was able to contribute to a soccer team. Sense of team and just playing a sport really helped make friends.

17. What kind of progress did you make in your listening comprehension of the language?

- | | No improvement | Little improvement | Improved somewhat | Improved | Very much improved |
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Around where I had expected. The most useful part was probably dinners with the French. Something about that setting is very conducive to personal and meaningful conversations that transcend most of what I could learn from classes. The more meals you eat with the French the easier it was to understand and appreciate the culture and the personal characteristics of those around you.

22. Are there any particular academic strengths of your host university/program that you would recommend to other students?

Yes

No

Please explain:

Sciences-Po offered a more intense and focused student body that was more conducive to learning

23. Are there any particular academic weaknesses of which other students should also be aware?

Yes

No

Please explain:

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24. Please tell us about the courses you took, including what level (intro/upper/seminar.) If you did an independent study project or internship, please describe it.

Course Title #1

International Relations

At which institution/university did you take this course?

Sciences Po BDX

Means of assessment (e.g., papers, exams, homework, etc.)

Exams

Please describe the course content:

Basic intro class

Please describe the means by which the material/concepts for this course were conveyed, particularly if the teaching style was different from what you are used to.

Lecture

Other comments about this course:

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27. Please tell us about the courses you took, including what level (intro/upper/seminar.) If you did an independent study project or internship, please describe it.

Course Title #2

Political Regimes

At which institution/university did you take this course?

Sciences Po BDX

Means of assessment (e.g., papers, exams, homework, etc.)

Exams

Describe course content

Breakdown of political regimes similar to comparative politics class here at Middlebury

Please describe the means by which the material/concepts for this course were conveyed, particularly if the teaching style was different from what you are used to.

Lecture

Other comments about this course:

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30. Please tell us about the courses you took, including what level (intro/upper/seminar.) If you did an independent study project or internship, please describe it.

Course Title #3

Western European History

At which institution/university did you take this course?

BDX 3

Means of assessment (e.g., papers, exams, homework, etc.)

Paper, Exam

Describe course content

History of Europe from 1945-1989

Please describe the means by which the material/concepts for this course were conveyed, particularly if the teaching style was different from what you are used to.

Lecture, readings

Other comments about this course:

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Course Title #4

Translation

At which institution/university did you take this course?

BDX 3

Means of assessment (e.g., papers, exams, homework, etc.)

In class translations

Describe course content

Translating texts from french to english and vice versa

Please describe the means by which the material/concepts for this course were conveyed, particularly if the teaching style was different from what you are used to.

More discussion based focused on our translations

Other comments about this course:

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Course Title #5

US History

At which institution/university did you take this course?

BDX 3

Means of assessment (e.g., papers, exams, homework, etc.)

Exam, presentation, paper

Describe course content

US history post civil war - 1960s

Please describe the means by which the material/concepts for this course were conveyed, particularly if the teaching style was different from what you are used to.

Lecture/discussion

Other comments about this course:

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39. Did Middlebury provide you with an appropriate orientation on arrival?

	Poor		Good		Excellent
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40. Did Middlebury provide you with sufficient support while you were abroad?

Poor

Good

Excellent

41. Were the on-site staff (Resident Director, Academic Director, Resident Coordinator, support staff, etc.) helpful to you during your study abroad?

Not helpful

Somewhat helpful

Very helpful

42. Did you see or experience any form of discrimination or harassment in your host country?

Yes

No

43. If you answered yes to the question above, what advice would you give to future students? Likewise, if you have advice for Middlebury staff, please share that as well.

Just realize that some people grew up in a generation different than ours in which toleration might not be a priority for them. Not condoning such behavior, but one needs to be realistic about such problems if one will be able to perhaps rectify such behavior or at the very least come to terms with it.

44. Would you recommend that other students attend this program or university? Why or why not?

Yes

No

Please explain:

Incredible experience on the whole. Beautiful city with a lively culture.

45. What advice would you give to other students considering study abroad in general, and this program or university in particular?

Absolutely go for it. It's tough to leave Middlebury for extended periods of time, but the opportunity to live in a foreign country should not be passed up.

46. MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE STUDENTS ONLY: Did you attend Middlebury's on-campus pre-departure orientation meeting(s)?

Yes

No

47. MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE STUDENTS ONLY: Did you find the pre-departure meetings and handouts useful?

Yes

No

N/A - Did not attend meetings

48. ALL STUDENTS: What aspects of the pre-departure process did you find particularly useful (or not), and how would you recommend that we improve the pre-departure meeting or supplemental materials?

Maybe emphasize the lack of a set schedule a little more. It's frustrating when we don't realize that the French hadn't published their schedule yet.

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Major

IPE

Month & Year of (expected) graduation

may 2009

3. What was the period of your study abroad?

fall semester

spring semester

academic year

spring semester followed by fall semester

4. Given that educational systems abroad differ significantly from our own, please reflect on your adjustment to your host country's educational environment. What effects did this different academic environment have on your learning, both inside and outside the classroom? In what ways did you benefit from being in a different academic environment?

The only adjustment i had to make was within the class. I had listen carefully to lectures as they were in french and i had to open with the professor about my difficulties if i had any.

Otherwise, i really appreciated my experience because i felt i had more independence of thought compared to Middlebury College

5. AFTER studying abroad, how do you now view the differences/similarities between the culture of your host country and that of your own?

	Identical	Very Similar	Mostly Similar	Somewhat Different	Very Different
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6. Please Comment:

French people take time to value life in general. By that i mean culture, their language etc.

Otherwise, i feel life is less hurried and more leisurely

7. In what ways has study abroad contributed to your personal growth? What personal characteristics did you find most useful during your time abroad?

I am more independent and a better chef. I feel i am more confident and outgoing because i had to be in a foreign language and culture. I basically feel more mature. Having to look for your own place to live, food to eat without the supervision of anybody was quite relieving.

8. How has study abroad influenced your academic and career goals? How has it influenced your personal goals?

yes, i would probably want to go to France sometime, to live and study or work.

Otherwise, i promised my self i would take more time to enjoy life and travel

9. What was your housing situation during your study abroad?

- Homestay
- Dormitory/Student Residence/Foyer
- Apartment
- Other (please describe)

stayed with a lady who rented one of her rooms to me

10. Do you feel that your housing situation provided you with an opportunity to integrate into the host culture, and/or provided you a context for gaining insight into the host culture?

	Not at all - it was isolating	Somewhat helpful, but less than I expected	As helpful as I expected	Somewhat more helpful than I'd expected	Very helpful in terms of fostering insights and/or my integration
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11. Please comment on your response to the question above.

It improved my language skills as well as provided me with the opportunity to make friends etc.

12. Did you take courses alongside students from the host country?

- Yes
- No

13. If you answered yes to the question above, how well do you feel that your mainstream classes helped you to develop relationships with nationals of the host country or integrate into the host culture?

- Poor
- Neutral
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Comments

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14. Did you participate in any extra-curricular activities or internships?

- Yes
- No

15. If you answered yes to the question above, were your extra-curricular activities helpful in assisting your integration into the host culture?

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16. Please describe the extra-curricular activities or internship in which you participated, and make any additional comments about these activities that you think would be helpful to Middlebury staff or future students.

I played soccer with a bunch of classmates.

17. What kind of progress did you make in your listening comprehension of the language?

- | | No improvement | Little improvement | Improved somewhat | Improved | Very much improved |
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21. Please comment on the progress you made in your target language. Was it greater or less than you had expected? What do you think were some of the factors that contributed to your progress (or lack thereof), either on your own part or on the part of the program? Do you have any specific suggestions for the program and/or for future students that pertain to language learning?

it was greater than i expected and i think the reason for this was my housing. I could speak to my landlady and have parties with french students

22. Are there any particular academic strengths of your host university/program that you would recommend to other students?

Yes

No

Please explain:

they have a good program that is work intensive just like midd

23. Are there any particular academic weaknesses of which other students should also be aware?

Yes

No

Please explain:

don't expect much from the professors

24. Please indicate the extent of your agreement with the following statement:

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28. Did you see or experience any form of discrimination or harassment in your host country?

Yes

No

29. Would you recommend that other students attend this program or university? Why or why not?

Yes

No

Please explain:

not many midd kids and thats good if you want to breach out and make french friends

30. What advice would you give to other students considering study abroad in general, and this program or university in particular?

Bordeaux is beautiful and the most wonderful city in the world. I have nothing to say about the middlebury program because i didn't take classes with other midd kids (thank god). The university is nice, with so many activities and interesting classes. And the night life, cafe and restaurants in bordeaux are exquisite.

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- Yes
- No

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the realistic approach of how life won't be easy in the begining.

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Political Science

Month & Year of (expected) graduation

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4. Given that educational systems abroad differ significantly from our own, please reflect on your adjustment to your host country's educational environment. What effects did this different academic environment have on your learning, both inside and outside the classroom? In what ways did you benefit from being in a different academic environment?

The adjustment to the educational system was one of the most frustrating parts of the experience. As a new site, we didn't have the support or the connections with the university so we were blindly figuring out the system on our own. The academic environment emphasized learning the material on your own, often without a textbook to guide you, which made it difficult to prepare for exams. I benefited from this system by learning how to manage my time and resources without much guidance.

5. AFTER studying abroad, how do you now view the differences/similarities between the culture of your host country and that of your own?

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6. Please Comment:

Although French and American cultures do share some basic similarities, I believe that they have key differences. These differences become clear as you live in the country for an extended period of time and interact with various French natives.

7. In what ways has study abroad contributed to your personal growth? What personal characteristics did you find most useful during your time abroad?

Study abroad helped me to grow in my independence. It was the first time I was living on my own, and had to deal with all of the practicalities in a foreign language.

8. How has study abroad influenced your academic and career goals? How has it influenced your personal goals?

Study abroad reinforced my determination to live and work abroad in the future. I would like to return to France after graduation.

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11. Please comment on your response to the question above.

Living with a family allowed me an interesting perspective on French culture. I babysat for my host sisters, met my host parents friends and relatives and really got a sense of what their daily life was like.

12. Did you take courses alongside students from the host country?

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- No

13. If you answered yes to the question above, how well do you feel that your mainstream classes helped you to develop relationships with nationals of the host country or integrate into the host culture?

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16. Please describe the extra-curricular activities or internship in which you participated, and make any additional comments about these activities that you think would be helpful to Middlebury staff or future students.

I taught English in my host sister's elementary school and had an internship with the Red Cross.

17. What kind of progress did you make in your listening comprehension of the language?

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Overall, the progress I made was greater than expected. However, the process took longer than I was expecting, and at times it felt as if I had gotten worse. I think the greatest factor that contributed to my progress was my internship and living with a host family, because they involved the highest levels of interaction.

22. Are there any particular academic strengths of your host university/program that you would recommend to other students?

Yes

No

Please explain:

Being able to take classes at both Sciences-Po Bordeaux as well as Bordeaux 3 helped me to complete my Political Science requirements and a balanced class schedule.

23. Are there any particular academic weaknesses of which other students should also be aware?

Yes

No

Please explain:

The newness of the program made it difficult to figure out specific academic problems or questions.

24. Please tell us about the courses you took, including what level (intro/upper/seminar.) If you did an independent study project or internship, please describe it.

Course Title #1

Linguistics

At which institution/university did you take this course?

Universite de Bordeaux 3

Means of assessment (e.g., papers, exams, homework, etc.)

Exam

Please describe the course content:

We studied French linguistics and diagramming.

Please describe the means by which the material/concepts for this course were conveyed, particularly if the teaching style was different from what you are used to.

The professor normally lectured, with occasional worksheets and in-class practice.

Other comments about this course:

Very difficult if not a native French speaker. Evaluation was based on techniques not taught in our section of the class.

25. Please indicate the extent of your agreement with the following statement:

"I learned a great deal in this course."

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
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26. Please indicate the extent of your agreement with the following statement:

"The instructor's teaching in this course was effective."

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
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27. Please tell us about the courses you took, including what level (intro/upper/seminar.) If you did an independent study project or internship, please describe it.

Course Title #2

European Institutions

At which institution/university did you take this course?

Sciences-Politique Bordeaux

Means of assessment (e.g., papers, exams, homework, etc.)

Exam

Describe course content

We studied European institutions and organizations since World War II.

Please describe the means by which the material/concepts for this course were conveyed, particularly if the teaching style was different from what you are used to.

Lecture.

Other comments about this course:

Very difficult to follow, some content was very specific and some was very general. Never learned the "big picture" of European institutions but rather certain specific ones.

28. Please indicate the extent of your agreement with the following statement:

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Course Title #3

History of International Relations

At which institution/university did you take this course?

Sciences-Politique Bordeaux

Means of assessment (e.g., papers, exams, homework, etc.)

Exam

Describe course content

We covered basic theories and events of IR from 1850 to today.

Please describe the means by which the material/concepts for this course were conveyed, particularly if the teaching style was different from what you are used to.

The class was well-lectured, if broad.

Other comments about this course:

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31. Please indicate the extent of your agreement with the following statement:

"I learned a great deal in this course."

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33. Please tell us about the courses you took, including what level (intro/upper/seminar.) If you did an independent study project or internship, please describe it.

Course Title #4

Comparative Literature-Virginia Woolf

At which institution/university did you take this course?

Universite de Bordeaux 3

Means of assessment (e.g., papers, exams, homework, etc.)

Papers- at home and in-class

Describe course content

We studied Woolf's three main works- To the lighthouse, Mrs. Dalloway and A Room of One's Own

Please describe the means by which the material/concepts for this course were conveyed, particularly if the teaching style was different from what you are used to.

The class was entirely lecture, which seemed strange for a literature class. There was no class discussion.

Other comments about this course:

A little strange to study English-language classics in French, but one of my better classes.

34. Please indicate the extent of your agreement with the following statement:

"I learned a great deal in this course."

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
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35. Please indicate the extent of your agreement with the following statement:

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36. Please tell us about the courses you took, including what level (intro/upper/seminar.) If you did an independent study project or internship, please describe it.

Course Title #5

Introduction to General Sociology

At which institution/university did you take this course?

Sciences-Politique Bordeaux

Means of assessment (e.g., papers, exams, homework, etc.)

Oral Exam, Additional paper

Describe course content

We studied the main movements and leaders of sociology.

Please describe the means by which the material/concepts for this course were conveyed, particularly if the teaching style was different from what you are used to.

Very good, well-organized lectures.

Other comments about this course:

One of the best classes I took in France.

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"I learned a great deal in this course."

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39. Please tell us about the courses you took, including what level (intro/upper/seminar.) If you did an independent study project or internship, please describe it.

Course Title #6

Literary Art and History

At which institution/university did you take this course?

Universite de Bordeaux 3

Means of assessment (e.g., papers, exams, homework, etc.)

Exam

Describe course content

We studied Ancient, Medieval, Renaissance and Modern literature movements- not specific works so much as the main authors and their styles.

Please describe the means by which the material/concepts for this course were conveyed, particularly if the teaching style was different from what you are used to.

Each section was taught by a different professor, and we jumped from section to section.

Other comments about this course:

Poorly constructed and organized.

40. Please indicate the extent of your agreement with the following statement:

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42. Please tell us about the courses you took, including what level (intro/upper/seminar.) If you did an independent study project or internship, please describe it.

Course Title #7

Translation

At which institution/university did you take this course?

Universite de Bordeaux 3

Means of assessment (e.g., papers, exams, homework, etc.)

In-class exams

Describe course content

We translated a different text each week, from English to French and from French to English.

Please describe the means by which the material/concepts for this course were conveyed, particularly if the teaching style was different from what you are used to.

We didn't learn any principles of translation, but it was a very interesting and interactive class. Highly recommended.

Other comments about this course:

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45. Please tell us about the courses you took, including what level (intro/upper/seminar.) If you did an independent study project or internship, please describe it.

Course Title #8

Internship at the Red Cross

At which institution/university did you take this course?

Means of assessment (e.g., papers, exams, homework, etc.)

Evaluation from Internship Head, Additional research paper

Describe course content

I worked at a new center for young mothers in Bordeaux, where we sold food and clothing at reduced prices and offered counseling/additional resources.

Please describe the means by which the material/concepts for this course were conveyed, particularly if the teaching style was different from what you are used to.

Other comments about this course:

The internship was one of the best parts of my year abroad- I met many interesting people and really felt a sense of involvement.

46. Please indicate the extent of your agreement with the following statement:

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48. Did Middlebury provide you with an appropriate orientation on arrival?

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50. Were the on-site staff (Resident Director, Academic Director, Resident Coordinator, support staff, etc.) helpful to you during your study abroad?

Not helpful

Somewhat helpful

Very helpful

51. Did you see or experience any form of discrimination or harassment in your host country?

Yes

No

52. Would you recommend that other students attend this program or university? Why or why not?

Yes

No

Please explain:

Although there are still academic and other issues to work out with the program, the site is new and it takes time. Bordeaux is one of the most incredible places I've ever been and I would strongly recommend that other students take advantage of this site. It's the perfect place to have a truly French experience.

53. What advice would you give to other students considering study abroad in general, and this program or university in particular?

It's worth it. It will be difficult and frustrating at times, but you won't want to leave.

54. MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE STUDENTS ONLY: Did you attend Middlebury's on-campus pre-departure orientation meeting(s)?

Yes

No

55. MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE STUDENTS ONLY: Did you find the pre-departure meetings and handouts useful?

- Yes
- No
- N/A - Did not attend meetings

56. ALL STUDENTS: What aspects of the pre-departure process did you find particularly useful (or not), and how would you recommend that we improve the pre-departure meeting or supplemental materials?

As the Bordeaux program grows, having more people who have been to the site will be helpful. It was intimidating not to have any first-hand knowledge of the program.

1. Home Institution

Middlebury College

Other Institution

If other than Middlebury, please indicate your home institution:

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2. Your academic program

Major

French-Political Science Joint

Month & Year of (expected) graduation

5/2009

3. What was the period of your study abroad?

fall semester

spring semester

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4. Given that educational systems abroad differ significantly from our own, please reflect on your adjustment to your host country's educational environment. What effects did this different academic environment have on your learning, both inside and outside the classroom? In what ways did you benefit from being in a different academic environment?

It was hard to not live on campus and even harder to not have all of the resources available to us there than we have here. Most importantly, the difference in the relationship between students and faculty differed greatly, and that was a hard adjustment as well.

5. AFTER studying abroad, how do you now view the differences/similarities between the culture of your host country and that of your own?

	Identical	Very Similar	Mostly Similar	Somewhat Different	Very Different
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6. Please Comment:

French and American people tend to have the same values. The cultures are similar, as they are both western, and there already exists a complicated and long history between the two nations.

7. In what ways has study abroad contributed to your personal growth? What personal characteristics did you find most useful during your time abroad?

I've learned to be in a situation I don't like and deal with it.

8. How has study abroad influenced your academic and career goals? How has it influenced your personal goals?

They're still the same

9. What was your housing situation during your study abroad?

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10. Do you feel that your housing situation provided you with an opportunity to integrate into the host culture, and/or provided you a context for gaining insight into the host culture?

Not at all - it was isolating

Somewhat helpful, but less than I expected

As helpful as I expected

Somewhat more helpful than I'd expected

Very helpful in terms of fostering insights and/or my integration

11. Please comment on your response to the question above.

I had to move twice, so I don't think I got a great deal out of it.

12. Did you take courses alongside students from the host country?

- Yes
- No

13. If you answered yes to the question above, how well do you feel that your mainstream classes helped you to develop relationships with nationals of the host country or integrate into the host culture?

- Poor
- Neutral
- Helpful
- Very Helpful
- Not Applicable

Comments

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14. Did you participate in any extra-curricular activities or internships?

- Yes
- No

15. If you answered yes to the question above, were your extra-curricular activities helpful in assisting your integration into the host culture?

- | | Not helpful at all | Only slightly helpful | Somewhat helpful | helpful | Very helpful |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

16. Please describe the extra-curricular activities or internship in which you participated, and make any additional comments about these activities that you think would be helpful to Middlebury staff or future students.

I volunteered teaching english in a high school

17. What kind of progress did you make in your listening comprehension of the language?

- | | No improvement | Little improvement | Improved somewhat | Improved | Very much improved |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

18. What kind of progress did you make in your ability to read in the language?

No improvement

Little improvement

Improved somewhat

Improved

Very much improved

19. What kind of progress did you make in your ability to write in the language?

No improvement

Little improvement

Improved somewhat

Improved

Very much improved

20. What kind of progress did you make in your ability to speak in the language?

No improvement

Little improvement

Improved somewhat

Improved

Very much improved

21. Please comment on the progress you made in your target language. Was it greater or less than you had expected? What do you think were some of the factors that contributed to your progress (or lack thereof), either on your own part or on the part of the program? Do you have any specific suggestions for the program and/or for future students that pertain to language learning?

Having to speak it all the time helped a great deal

22. Are there any particular academic strengths of your host university/program that you would recommend to other students?

Yes

No

Please explain:

23. Are there any particular academic weaknesses of which other students should also be aware?

Yes

No

Please explain:

Disorganization of program

24. Please indicate the extent of your agreement with the following statement:

"I learned a great deal in this course."

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

25. Please indicate the extent of your agreement with the following statement:

"The instructor's teaching in this course was effective."

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

26. Please indicate the extent of your agreement with the following statement:

"I learned a great deal in this course."

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27. Please indicate the extent of your agreement with the following statement:

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28. Please indicate the extent of your agreement with the following statement:

"I learned a great deal in this course."

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29. Please indicate the extent of your agreement with the following statement:

"The instructor's teaching in this course was effective."

Strongly disagree

Disagree

Neither agree nor disagree

Agree

Strongly agree

30. Please indicate the extent of your agreement with the following statement:

"I learned a great deal in this course."

Strongly disagree

Disagree

Neither agree nor disagree

Agree

Strongly agree

31. Please indicate the extent of your agreement with the following statement:

"The instructor's teaching in this course was effective."

Strongly disagree

Disagree

Neither agree nor disagree

Agree

Strongly agree

32. Please indicate the extent of your agreement with the following statement:

"I learned a great deal in this course."

Strongly disagree

Disagree

Neither agree nor disagree

Agree

Strongly agree

33. Please indicate the extent of your agreement with the following statement:

"The instructor's teaching in this course was effective."

Strongly disagree

Disagree

Neither agree nor disagree

Agree

Strongly agree

34. Please indicate the extent of your agreement with the following statement:

"I learned a great deal in this course."

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

35. Please indicate the extent of your agreement with the following statement:

"The instructor's teaching in this course was effective."

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36. Please indicate the extent of your agreement with the following statement:

"I learned a great deal in this course."

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
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37. Please indicate the extent of your agreement with the following statement:

"The instructor's teaching in this course was effective."

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38. Please indicate the extent of your agreement with the following statement:

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39. Please indicate the extent of your agreement with the following statement:

"The instructor's teaching in this course was effective."

Strongly disagree

Disagree

Neither agree nor disagree

Agree

Strongly agree

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"I learned a great deal in this course."

Strongly disagree

Disagree

Neither agree nor disagree

Agree

Strongly agree

41. Please indicate the extent of your agreement with the following statement:

"The instructor's teaching in this course was effective."

Strongly disagree

Disagree

Neither agree nor disagree

Agree

Strongly agree

42. Please indicate the extent of your agreement with the following statement:

"I learned a great deal in this course."

Strongly disagree

Disagree

Neither agree nor disagree

Agree

Strongly agree

43. Please indicate the extent of your agreement with the following statement:

"The instructor's teaching in this course was effective."

Strongly disagree

Disagree

Neither agree nor disagree

Agree

Strongly agree

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"The instructor's teaching in this course was effective."

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
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46. Please indicate the extent of your agreement with the following statement:

"I learned a great deal in this course."

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	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

47. Please indicate the extent of your agreement with the following statement:

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	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

48. Did Middlebury provide you with an appropriate orientation on arrival?

	Poor		Good		Excellent
	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

49. Did Middlebury provide you with sufficient support while you were abroad?

Poor

Good

Excellent

50. Were the on-site staff (Resident Director, Academic Director, Resident Coordinator, support staff, etc.) helpful to you during your study abroad?

Not helpful

Somewhat helpful

Very helpful

51. Did you see or experience any form of discrimination or harassment in your host country?

Yes

No

52. If you answered yes to the question above, what advice would you give to future students? Likewise, if you have advice for Middlebury staff, please share that as well.

Contact Middlebury right away. Stay calm.

53. Would you recommend that other students attend this program or university? Why or why not?

Yes

No

Please explain:

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54. What advice would you give to other students considering study abroad in general, and this program or university in particular?

Know that it is new and has some improvement to make.

55. MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE STUDENTS ONLY: Did you attend Middlebury's on-campus pre-departure orientation meeting(s)?

Yes

No

56. MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE STUDENTS ONLY: Did you find the pre-departure meetings and handouts useful?

Yes

No

N/A - Did not attend meetings

57. ALL STUDENTS: What aspects of the pre-departure process did you find particularly useful (or not), and how would you recommend that we improve the pre-departure meeting or supplemental materials?

getting to talk to other students who studied abroad