

Middlebury School Abroad Evaluations - Program Report - 2007-2008

Personal Information

Home Institution		Response Percent	Response Total
Middlebury College	<div style="width: 100%; background-color: #90EE90;"></div>	100%	1
Other Institution		0%	0
If other than Middlebury, please indicate your home institution:			0

Total # of respondents **85**. Statistics based on **1** respondents; **84** filtered; **0** skipped.

In what academic year did you begin your study abroad?		Response Percent	Response Total
2007-2008	<div style="width: 100%; background-color: #90EE90;"></div>	100%	1
2008-2009		0%	0
2009-2010		0%	0
2010-2011		0%	0
2011-2012		0%	0
2012-2013		0%	0
2013-2014		0%	0
2014-2015		0%	0

Total # of respondents **85**. Statistics based on **1** respondents; **84** filtered; **0** skipped.

What was the period of your study abroad?		Response Percent	Response Total
fall semester		0%	0
spring semester	<div style="width: 100%; background-color: #6495ED;"></div>	100%	1
academic year		0%	0
spring semester followed by fall semester		0%	0

Total # of respondents **85**. Statistics based on **1** respondents; **84** filtered; **0** skipped.

EVALUATION OF PERSONAL LEARNING

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?		Response Percent	Response Total
			1
	The adjustment was a challenge initially, mostly because of the lack of organization which made registration and the first few weeks a nightmare. Overall, the classes themselves were not that impressive or challenging, and this was all complicated by a 2 month long strike that really changed the semester. It definitely made me appreciate my education at Middlebury and also led me to focus my "learning" abroad outside of the university.		
Total # of respondents 85 . Statistics based on 1 respondents; 84 filtered; 0 skipped.			

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	Response Total
	0% (0)	0% (0)	100% (1)	0% (0)	0% (0)	1
Total # of respondents 85 . Statistics based on 1 respondents; 84 filtered; 0 skipped.						

Please Comment:		Response Percent	Response Total
			1
	While there are certainly differences, I was surprised by how similar Chile was to the U.S. A lot of that is probably due to the strong influence in technology, stores, music, movies, etc. I explained this to family back home by the fact that basically anything I did at home, I could do there. If I needed anything, there was a store that carried it, sometimes in the same brand as home. My schedule was relatively the same: school, gym, work, going out with friends or spending time with the family.		
Total # of respondents 85 . Statistics based on 1 respondents; 84 filtered; 0 skipped.			

How has study abroad influenced your understanding of your host culture? In what ways has it influenced your perceptions of American culture?	Response Percent	Response Total
		1
	<p>I felt very immersed and I think that gave me an accurate understanding of Chilean culture, at least southern culture. There is a lot that I appreciate- a focus on the family and community, a more laid back approach to life in general, a sense of pride in one's own work and country, etc and a lot that I was critical of as well- much higher rates of robbery and delinquency, machismo, racism and homophobia, disorganization to an extreme, etc. It was certainly interesting and challenging to reflect on my perceptions of my own culture as well. I found Chileans eager to talk about it, so I really had to know what I was talking about and back up my views. It was, of course, super interesting to hear their opinions too.</p>	
<p>Total # of respondents 85. Statistics based on 1 respondents; 84 filtered; 0 skipped.</p>		

In what ways has study abroad contributed to your personal growth? What personal characteristics did you find most useful during your time abroad?	Response Percent	Response Total
		1
	<p>Obviously independence and the ability to adapt...being patient. Really, one of the best parts about study abroad is remembering how vulnerable, new and lonely I felt my first month, and how situated, involved and happy I was at the end. The ability to really create a new "life" is a great but challenging opportunity.</p>	
<p>Total # of respondents 85. Statistics based on 1 respondents; 84 filtered; 0 skipped.</p>		

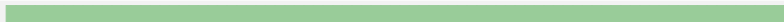
How has study abroad influenced your academic and career goals? How has it influenced your personal goals?	Response Percent	Response Total
		1
	<p>I'm not sure...it gave me experience in things I had previously been interested in (living abroad post-Middlebury and more specifically doing science research in Latin America), but I'm not sure yet if this experience will ultimately encourage me or discourage me from doing that.</p>	
<p>Total # of respondents 85. Statistics based on 1 respondents; 84 filtered; 0 skipped.</p>		

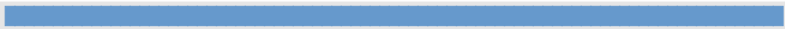
EVALUATION OF LEVEL OF INTEGRATION

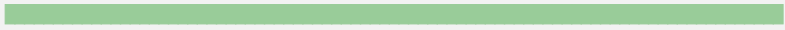
What was your housing situation during your study abroad?		Response Percent	Response Total
Homestay		100%	1
Dormitory/Student Residence/Foyer		0%	0
Apartment		0%	0
Other (please describe)		0%	0
			0
Total # of respondents 85 . Statistics based on 1 respondents; 84 filtered; 0 skipped.			

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	Response Total
	0% (0)	0% (0)	0% (0)	0% (0)	100% (1)	1
Total # of respondents 85 . Statistics based on 1 respondents; 84 filtered; 0 skipped.						

Please comment on your response to the question above.		Response Percent	Response Total
			1
	My homestay was absolutely the best thing about my abroad experience. I know other friends who did not have the best experiences but I got an incredible living situation which had both a family environment (I really feel as if we are a family now) and got to live with other students. I spent at least 90% of my time with Chileans because of this.		
Total # of respondents 85 . Statistics based on 1 respondents; 84 filtered; 0 skipped.			

Did you take courses alongside students from the host country?		Response Percent	Response Total
Yes		100%	1
No		0%	0
Total # of respondents 85 . Statistics based on 1 respondents; 84 filtered; 0 skipped.			

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?		Response Percent	Response Total
Poor		0%	0
Neutral		100%	1
Helpful		0%	0
Very Helpful		0%	0
Not Applicable		0%	0
Comments			0
Total # of respondents 85 . Statistics based on 1 respondents; 67 filtered; 17 skipped.			

Did you participate in any extra-curricular activities or internships?		Response Percent	Response Total
Yes		100%	1
No		0%	0
Total # of respondents 85 . Statistics based on 1 respondents; 84 filtered; 0 skipped.			

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	Response Total
	0% (0)	0% (0)	0% (0)	100% (1)	0% (0)	1
Total # of respondents 85 . Statistics based on 1 respondents; 71 filtered; 13 skipped.						

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.		Response Percent	Response Total
			1
	I had an internship with a center for biological research and I also picked up a second big activity teaching English in a public school. That was great, it was so nice to spend time with kids, see a different side of the city (a much poorer area that I wouldn't have seen otherwise). I joined a gym which was great and helped me feel more settled in a routine there. I also participated in American-Chilean cross-cultural discussion groups which sound interesting in theory but I wouldn't recommend them. It's a lot of prep work and not that interesting.		
Total # of respondents 85 . Statistics based on 1 respondents; 73 filtered; 11 skipped.			

EVALUATION OF LANGUAGE LEARNING (if on a program in a non-English speaking country)

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

	A	B	C	D	E	Response Total
	0% (0)	0% (0)	0% (0)	0% (0)	100% (1)	1

Total # of respondents **85**. Statistics based on **1** respondents; **83** filtered; **1** skipped.

Legend for Rank Grid table:What kind of progress did you make in your listening comprehension of the language?

Columns:

- A - No improvement
- B - Little improvement
- C - Improved somewhat
- D - Improved
- E - Very much improved

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

	A	B	C	D	E	Response Total
	0% (0)	0% (0)	0% (0)	100% (1)	0% (0)	1

Total # of respondents **85**. Statistics based on **1** respondents; **84** filtered; **0** skipped.

Legend for Rank Grid table:What kind of progress did you make in your ability to read in the language?

Columns:

- A - No improvement
- B - Little improvement
- C - Improved somewhat
- D - Improved
- E - Very much improved

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

	A	B	C	D	E	Response Total
	0% (0)	0% (0)	0% (0)	100% (1)	0% (0)	1
Total # of respondents 85 . Statistics based on 1 respondents; 84 filtered; 0 skipped.						

Legend for Rank Grid table:What kind of progress did you make in your ability to write in the language?

Columns:

- A - No improvement
- B - Little improvement
- C - Improved somewhat
- D - Improved
- E - Very much improved

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

	A	B	C	D	E	Response Total
	0% (0)	0% (0)	0% (0)	0% (0)	100% (1)	1
Total # of respondents 85 . Statistics based on 1 respondents; 84 filtered; 0 skipped.						

Legend for Rank Grid table:What kind of progress did you make in your ability to speak in the language?

Columns:

- A - No improvement
- B - Little improvement
- C - Improved somewhat
- D - Improved
- E - Very much improved

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?	Response Percent	Response Total
		1
The first month was scary- I went to Chile with a lot of confidence in my Spanish to realize that I understood very little. The accent and slang there make it tough at first, so there's a learning curve, but in the end I at least communicated fluently with my family and friends. Younger people are certainly harder to understand like anywhere. I think we all want to be fluent, but that's a little unrealistic in one semester, but I left speaking very well. I did feel like there was a bit of a plateau at which I could understand everything and communicate everything, so I just continued speaking the same way, if that makes sense.		
Total # of respondents 85 . Statistics based on 1 respondents; 83 filtered; 1 skipped.		

EVALUATION OF PROGRAM/UNIVERSITY AND STUDY-ABROAD EXPERIENCE OVERALL

For the following questions, please rate your experience with Middlebury staff and staff abroad using the five-point scales provided.

Did Middlebury provide you with adequate information prior to departure?

	Poor 1.	2.	Good 3.	4.	Excellent 5.	Response Total
	0% (0)	0% (0)	0% (0)	100% (1)	0% (0)	1
Total # of respondents 85 . Statistics based on 1 respondents; 84 filtered; 0 skipped.						

Did Middlebury provide you with an appropriate orientation on arrival?

	Poor 1.	2.	Good 3.	4.	Excellent 5.	Response Total
	0% (0)	0% (0)	0% (0)	100% (1)	0% (0)	1
Total # of respondents 85 . Statistics based on 1 respondents; 84 filtered; 0 skipped.						

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

	Poor 1.	2.	Good 3.	4.	Excellent 5.	Response Total
	0% (0)	0% (0)	0% (0)	0% (0)	100% (1)	1
Total # of respondents 85 . Statistics based on 1 respondents; 84 filtered; 0 skipped.						

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

	Not helpful 1.	2.	Somewhat helpful 3.	4.	Very helpful 5.	Response Total
	0% (0)	0% (0)	0% (0)	0% (0)	100% (1)	1
Total # of respondents 85 . Statistics based on 1 respondents; 84 filtered; 0 skipped.						

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

	Response Percent	Response Total
Yes	100%	1
No	0%	0
Total # of respondents 85 . Statistics based on 1 respondents; 84 filtered; 0 skipped.		

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.

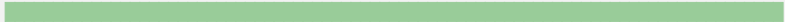
	Response Percent	Response Total
		1
I think you have to approach it in your own way. When I heard friends make comments that I found offensive, I tried to have a discussion with them about it.		
Total # of respondents 85 . Statistics based on 1 respondents; 42 filtered; 42 skipped.		


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

	Response Percent	Response Total
Yes	100%	1
No	0%	0
Please explain:		0
Total # of respondents 85 . Statistics based on 1 respondents; 84 filtered; 0 skipped.		

What advice would you give to other students considering study abroad in general, and this program or university in particular?	Response Percent	Response Total
		1
I really liked the Middlebury program. There was a lot of independence and so it's a great opportunity to really learn the language and be part of the culture. The south of Chile is great, especially if you want to be surrounded by beautiful nature and further away from a big crowd of Middlebury kids. The university was not great, but I don't think any of them really are. It's not really about the classes. It's about learning the language and culture and meeting new people.		
Total # of respondents 85 . Statistics based on 1 respondents; 83 filtered; 1 skipped.		

EVALUATION OF INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS AND OFF-CAMPUS STUDY

MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE STUDENTS ONLY: Did you attend Middlebury's on-campus pre-departure orientation meeting(s)?	Response Percent	Response Total
Yes 	100%	1
No	0%	0
Total # of respondents 85 . Statistics based on 1 respondents; 84 filtered; 0 skipped.		

MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE STUDENTS ONLY: Did you find the pre-departure meetings and handouts useful?	Response Percent	Response Total
Yes 	100%	1
No	0%	0
N/A - Did not attend meetings	0%	0
Total # of respondents 85 . Statistics based on 1 respondents; 84 filtered; 0 skipped.		

Please use this space if you would like to provide additional feedback on your pre-departure information, orientation, or program support.	Response Percent	Response Total
		0
Total # of respondents 85 . Statistics based on 0 respondents; 23 filtered; 62 skipped.		

FOR STUDENTS FROM COLLEGES/UNIVERSITIES OTHER THAN MIDDLEBURY

Why did you choose this particular program and site?	Response Percent	Response Total
		0
Total # of respondents 85. Statistics based on 0 respondents; 10 filtered; 75 skipped.		

Did your expectations of the program as advertised before you went abroad match the reality of your experience during your study abroad?	Response Percent	Response Total
Completely matched	0%	0
Was what I expected for the most part	0%	0
Was somewhat different from what I expected	0%	0
Was vastly different than what I'd expected	0%	0
Comments		0
Total # of respondents 85. Statistics based on 0 respondents; 12 filtered; 73 skipped.		

Did you receive acceptance and pre-departure information in a timely fashion?	Response Percent	Response Total
Yes	0%	0
No	0%	0
Total # of respondents 85. Statistics based on 0 respondents; 14 filtered; 71 skipped.		

Did you find the mailings and online resources useful?	Response Percent	Response Total
Yes	0%	0
No	0%	0
Total # of respondents 85. Statistics based on 0 respondents; 13 filtered; 72 skipped.		

Were there particular challenges unique to you as a student from another institution? Please explain.	Response Percent	Response Total
		0
Total # of respondents 85. Statistics based on 0 respondents; 6 filtered; 79 skipped.		

Further comments:	Response Percent	Response Total
		0
Total # of respondents 85 . Statistics based on 0 respondents; 1 filtered; 84 skipped.		