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Middlebury Schools Abroad Evaluation for the 2008-2009 Academic Year/Spring Semester

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. Please note: If you studied abroad for two semesters on two different programs, you must submit two separate evaluations.

The staff of 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 2 inclusive.

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Middlebury College

Other Institution

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At which university did you primarily conduct your studies?

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Universidad de la Frontera

Universidad Austral de Chile

Universidad de Playa Ancha

Universidad de Valparaiso

Pontifica Universidad Catolica de Valparaiso

-MEXICO-

Universidad de Guadalajara

Universidad Veracruzana

-URUGUAY-

Universidad Catolica del Uruguay

Universidad de la Republica

Universidad ORT

--- IN THE MIDDLE EAST --

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--- IN RUSSIA ---

Irkutsk State University

The Russian State University for the Humanities

Yaroslavl Pedagogical University

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Middlebury College School in Spain - Sede Prim

What was the period of your study abroad?

- 2008-2009 Fall Semester
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Given that overseas educational systems 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 how you learned, both inside and outside the classroom? In what ways did you benefit from being in a different academic environment.

I thought the different educational environment was a little hard to adjust to because the classes were 3 hour long lectures. I also think this made the classes hard to learn it at first. On the other hand the classes were very small and this helped the learning process.

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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Please Comment:

In Uruguay there is not really a sense of urgency nor is there a need for efficiency, two things which I think are very different from the US. Also the atmosphere in general is very tranquil and slow-paced unlike the fast-pace I am use to here in the US.

How has study abroad influenced your understanding of your host culture? In what ways has it influenced your perceptions of American culture?

I had no idea what to expect before because I had never heard anything about Uruguay before I left. So obviously I learned a great deal about the culture and way of life there. Honestly, I have a better appreciation for American culture because it makes everything easier.

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

Going abroad contributed to my personal growth in many ways. I would say the most important thing was going outside of my comfort zone. Due to this, I learned to be more outgoing, more comfortable with my Spanish and to laugh at myself. I think my characteristic that was most helpful was my openness.

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

It made me want to continue Spanish at school and continue traveling to other Spanish-speaking countries.

What was your housing situation during your study abroad?

- Homestay
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- Apartment
- Other (please describe)

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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Please comment on your response to the question above.

I thought it wasn't helpful because I didn't do anything with my host mom. She was always with her boyfriend so I really did not receive any insight into the culture.

Did you take courses alongside students from the host country?

- Yes
- No

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
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Comments

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

- Yes
- No

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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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 had an internship at CNSMujeres which is an organization that promotes women's issues. It was very interesting to write the final essay, but the internship itself wasn't really stimulating because there wasn't really anything to do.

What was the language of the host country?

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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

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?

My reading and writing improved a lot because I was doing a lot work for my classes. My speaking did not improve as much as I would have liked it too because I didn't interact at all with my host mom so there wasn't any spanish speaking at home.

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

Yes

No

Please explain:

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

Yes

No

Please explain:

3 hour lecture classes, also a lot of older students

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

History of Uruguay 3 (seminar)

At which institution/university did you take this course?

Universidad de la Republica

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

Final Paper

Please describe the course content:

Modern history of Uruguay.

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 only, very different from the diverse teaching methods at Middlebury.

Other comments about this course:

I honestly do not think it is fair to have your grade be comprised of only a final paper.

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

"This course helped me to improve my knowledge about the subject."

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Course Title #2

Dictatorship and Democracy

At which institution/university did you take this course?

Universidad de la Republica

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

Exams

Describe course content

Dictatorships and Democracy in Latin America

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.

Again lecture of 3 hours, no diversity in the teaching methods.

Other comments about this course:

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Did Middlebury provide you with an appropriate orientation on arrival?

Poor

Good

Excellent

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

Poor

Good

Excellent

Were your on-site staff concerned about your general well being and success, and approachable?

- Not concerned or approachable
- Approachable, but not concerned
- Concerned, but not approachable
- Somewhat concerned and approachable
- Very concerned and approachable

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

- Yes
- No

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

- Yes
- No

Please explain:

The only reason I say no is because I did not really enjoy the country itself.

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

Be open and if you are going to Uruguay be prepared for small. Even though Montevideo is the biggest city in Uruguay, at times it can feel like Middlebury.

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

- Yes
- No

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

Yes

No

N/A - Did not attend meetings

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?

Was not there.

ALL STUDENTS: Would you like to make an appointment (in person or phone) with International Programs and Off-Campus Study to discuss your study abroad experience?

Yes

No

MIDDLEBURY STUDENTS ONLY: Would you be interested in volunteering your time to help with pre-departure orientations and/or other study abroad meetings or promotional activities?

Yes

No

ALL STUDENTS: May we use your comments in future publications?

Yes

No

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It taught me the amazing resources that we don't take enough advantage of or appreciate enough in the United States. It was so difficult and bureaucratic to get materials to study but it also inspired to be more active and enthralled in my studies. I feel like education for many in the States is something demanded and not always on the individual's initiative. Now, I am definitely benefiting from this realization and I will take full advantage of the resources offered to us that we are so fortunate to have.

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Please Comment:

Before going abroad I had a very skewed vision of South America. I viewed it as an inefficient region of the world, which still can be argued. However, these countries have so much to offer and the majority of the people I met are super hard-working but have their priorities straight, which are family and social well-being. Yet it is their governments' mis-management and capitalist demands that really daunt these nations. This gives me a very different outlook on U.S. government and foreign realtions. I also see these South American countries as unique. Argentina, Uruguay, Chile and Brasil, while very close to one another are very different and each one has a something different to offer.

How has study abroad influenced your understanding of your host culture? In what ways has it influenced your perceptions of American culture?

I now view our culture very differently than before; for example, now I have a much more daunting view of capitalism due to the hegemonic aspects it has directly impacted or indirectly affected, interfering with Latin American culture in not such a just manner. While I am struggling with the actions of my own country in foreign affairs, I do appreciate the diversity that the U.S. has to offer that is truly unique and awesome which they really lack in Uruguay and Argentina.

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

In terms of personal growth, I realized the importance of self-motivation, enthusiasm, openness and spontaneity. They really do alter the overall happiness of your time abroad and I'm thankful that enthusiasm, spontaneity and openness come easy to me.

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

Well, instead of going straight to medical school I am now considering doing something in public health due to my internship abroad! I am also determined to go back and maybe continue my life there to become fluent.

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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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Please comment on your response to the question above.

My family was great and definitely had the best of intentions. They invited me to family functions and took me traveling with them. I love them very much.

Did you take courses alongside students from the host country?

- Yes
- No

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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Comments

While it was mildly helpful, La República is not as conducive to developing relationships with natives as La Católica or la ORT because of the demographics at La República.

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

- Yes
- No

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

	Not helpful		Somewhat helpful		Very helpful
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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.

My internship at a public health clinic was awesome and I strongly recommend it for someone who has interest in public health but little background of the subject. However, I wish I could have done more with it and developed stronger relationships. I feel like the best way to do that is to play sports, which La República does not offer :(and if it does, it is much better at La Católica or la ORT

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

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

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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
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While I made a lot of progress because I spoke Spanish, it was most beneficial talking to people who knew Spanish. Speaking to English-speakers really was not that helpful and I wish I would have made more native friends. I would greatly suggest making friends who speak Spanish, not to be shy in your classes, finding out early how to get involved in sports, and I would recommend to the Program to better involve the "tutors". That is a great tool that was not taken advantage of. Also, I recommend going to la Católica or la ORT because there are more people in our age group that make it easier to make friends. En La República the majority of the students are much older and have jobs so social time is limited.

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

- Yes
- No

Please explain:

The Democracias y Dictaduras class in La República is amazing! Take it! It opens your eyes to the real Latin American perspective.

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

Yes

No

Please explain:

It absolutely sucks finding books at la República and the classes are much more difficult than La Católica or la ORT and there is much less leniency to foreigners because it's not normal for them to have exchange students.

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

Democracias y Dictaduras

At which institution/university did you take this course?

La República

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

2 exams

Please describe the course content:

Learning and comparing democracies and dictatorships of Uruguay, Argentina, Chile and Brasil in the last half of the 20th century.

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.

long 3 hour lectures... straight lectures.

Other comments about this course:

Awesome course!

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

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Course Title #2

Historia de Uruguay III

At which institution/university did you take this course?

La República

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

one paper

Describe course content

modern uruguayan history... post 1920.

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.

EXTREMELY long boring lectures.

Other comments about this course:

although I learned about Uruguay I do not recommend this class. very dry and not interactive at all.

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Course Title #3

Internship

At which institution/university did you take this course?

La Policlínica Tiraparé

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

1 paper aka monografía

Describe course content

researching uruguayan adolescence and public health services

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.

researching/reading about public health initiatives and going to conferences, presentations and shadowing consultations

Other comments about this course:

loved it in the end! the beginning was a little boring but you make it as interesting and captivating as you want it to be

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- Not concerned or approachable
- Approachable, but not concerned
- Concerned, but not approachable
- Somewhat concerned and approachable
- Very concerned and approachable

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

- Yes
- No

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

- Yes
- No

Please explain:

Come to Uruguay if you want a little big city that is much more peaceful than Buenos Aires with a plethora of places to visit that are remote, small and relaxing yet still are fun.

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

Uruguay is definitely underestimated. It is much smaller, which I find better for someone who really wants to learn the language and be away from the more touristic Buenos Aires. For one semester, Uruguay has a lot to take advantage of; however, going to la República requires a lot more initiative and can become quite frustrating and tiring with regards to studying and the large class periods. So really, I would recommend la ORT or la Católica unless you are very fluent in the language.

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

- Yes
- No

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

Yes

No

N/A - Did not attend meetings

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?

To improve the materials, I would get students to put together a list of places to go/visit whether it be museums, bars, restaurants, music etc. I feel like there are many funs places to go and it would have been nice to know them beforehand, even though it was fun finding fun places on our own.

ALL STUDENTS: Please use this space if you would like to provide additional feedback on your pre-departure information, orientation, or program support.

i liked the short orientation meetings we had (short when compared to that of Buenos Aires). I also liked how we took several shorter excursions than just one big excursion.

ALL STUDENTS: Would you like to make an appointment (in person or phone) with International Programs and Off-Campus Study to discuss your study abroad experience?

Yes

No

MIDDLEBURY STUDENTS ONLY: Would you be interested in volunteering your time to help with pre-departure orientations and/or other study abroad meetings or promotional activities?

Yes

No

ALL STUDENTS: May we use your comments in future publications?

Yes

No