



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 10 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

Neuroscience and Spanish

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 academic environment was very similar to our own. In fact one of my classes was taught by a Middlebury-residing professor who was on Spain for the year. The academic stucture was one of the most comforting aspects in my first weeks because while everything else seemed so foreign, classes were consistent with what I had experienced in Spanish classes back in Vermont.

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:

The structure of the day, the family, and the progression from childhood to adulthood seemed very different between Spain and the US. The main meal of the day is eaten in the afternoon and although the "siesta" no longer exists, the city still shuts down between 2 and 5 pm. This long break in the day seems to slow the pace of life in Spain. There is a lot less hurrying and need to multitask. For example, it is rare that a Spaniard would sip coffee on the bus to work - if pressed for time, he would more likely stop into a cafe, quickly down an espresso, then go off on his way. Also, families seem closer across the generations than in the US. It is not uncommon for a 40-year-old to still live with her parents. Although economic constraints partially account for this difference, the need to become independent at age 18 is not nearly as pronounced as it is in the US.

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 abroad made me realize just how much else there is to know in general. Studying abroad forced me out of my comfort zone of my home country and forced me to what felt like fend for myself in a foreign one. I was incredibly homesick the entire time but my determination to learn the language allowed me make the most out of this so-called "once-in-a-lifetime" experienced. My desire to study abroad was more out of what I would learn from the experience rather than the experience itself, which maybe wasn't the best motivation, but it did allow me to really learn and understand Spain's language and culture.

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

Studying abroad definitely increased my desire to speak Spanish well. Improving became so exciting and I would love the opportunity to speak Spanish consistently throughout my career. Like any other challenge, studying abroad has taught me to first evaluate my reasons for taking on the challenge before diving in. I recently decided to take one year to work before beginning graduate school because grad school has been my plan for so long I haven't actually thought about why I want to be a physical therapist in too long and I want one year to make sure that is the route I want to take (which it most likely is) before spending the time and money on my first semester.

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

- Homestay
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 - Apartment
 - Other (please describe)
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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

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

I lived with a Spanish woman, Elena, who was 39 years old (but looked and acted like 25 years old). Another student, a French girl my age named Laureline, and I rented rooms from Elena. We lived in a quiet neighborhood where a lot of elderly people and families seemed to live. My housing situation was the most positive aspect of my stay in Spain - Elena, Laureline and I formed a little family. We spoke only Spanish and spent a lot of time together at night and on weekends. Elena took us out with her friends, on day trips, and the two of us went to mass together on Sundays. Things as simple as talking while playing cards after dinner really improved my Spanish and understanding of life as a Spaniard.

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

- Yes
- No

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

- Yes
- No

14. 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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15. 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 participated in hikes via Arawak Viajes. Arawak organized daylong and weekend hiking trips. Although the groups mostly consisted of middle-aged hikers, everyone was native to Madrid and this allowed me to practice my Spanish and meet even more people. I seemed to find one "friend" each trip who I stuck with, asked questions when I didn't understand, etc. And these contacts were helpful for day-to-day questions, such as where to buy running shoes or how to figure out the bus system.

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

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20. 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?

I achieved the level I had hoped - I improved to the point where I didn't have to think before speaking, it flowed out naturally. 4 months was too long mentally but about 4 months too short in order to become fully fluent. I felt like I finally turned a corner in speaking the language in the last month I was in Spain.

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

Yes

No

Please explain:

The classes were incredibly interesting and the profesors were amazing - 4 of my favorite classes I have taken as a Middlebury student.

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

Yes

No

Please explain:

The Madrid program brings the Middlebury bubble to Spain - it feels like a little academic island apart from the reality of Spanish education. This can be either positive or negative - it was positive for me but others may feel differently.

23. 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

Environmental Politics in Spain

At which institution/university did you take this course?

Middlebury

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

Midterm exam, final essay, 2 short presentations

Please describe the course content:

Focused on philosophers such as Aristotle and the progression of the view of the environment throughout history

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.

Mainly independent reading and in-class lecture

Other comments about this course:

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

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

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26. 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

Anti-Heroes in Spanish Literature

At which institution/university did you take this course?

Middlebury College

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

Midterm exam, final essay

Describe course content

Read and analyzed 4 novels

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.

Mainly independent reading and in-class lecture

Other comments about this course:

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Course Title #3

Advanced Spanish Language

At which institution/university did you take this course?

Middlebury College

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

Midterm and final exams, weekly essays, daily fill-in-the-blank type homework assignments

Describe course content

Used Spanish culture and current events as discussion topics to improve grammar skills

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.

Mainly discussion, oral grammar practice

Other comments about this course:

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32. 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

Culture & Literature in Latin America

At which institution/university did you take this course?

Middlebury College

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

Midterm and final exam, class participation

Describe course content

Read short stories and discussed them in terms of literary eras in which they were written

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.

Mainly independent reading and in-class discussion

Other comments about this course:

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

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

Poor

Good

Excellent

37. 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

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

Yes

No

39. 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.

As a blonde with a J-Crew/Patagonia-based wardrobe I was obviously American. I felt as though people didn't even give me a chance - many times I got comments about being an American before I even got the chance to open my mouth. So I would recommend being prepared for that and keeping in mind that there are so many nice and open-minded people out there that you will meet. Don't let the few that are rude frustrate you too much. Also, try to dress the part. Spaniards dress well, which doesn't mean expensive, it just means no sweats (don't even bring them) and avoid sneakers. For girls, one pair of boots and a long coat and you'll be set.

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

Yes

No

Please explain:

If you're looking for an academic challenge similar to what you would get in Middlebury, this program gives you the opportunity to learn from incredible professors in a safe environment

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

You will get out of this program what you put into it. Because class structure will be familiar, your challenge will be diving into the culture outside the Sede. Because you're in class with Americans, I would definitely suggest living with only native speakers. It's just too easy to put off learning the language when you speak English at home. I would also suggest an internship or activity that forces you out of the Middlebury safety net and allows you to meet new people. Do this from the start, because one semester really isn't even enough time to "learn Spain."

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

Yes

No

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

Yes

No

N/A - Did not attend meetings

44. 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 found the housing search entirely daunting. It the most stressful aspect before leaving for Spain and upon arrival. Because Sede Prim shuts down between the fall and spring semesters, we had no contact in the weeks preceding the semester or the first couple of days in Spain before orientation began. I, along with other students who I've spoken with, felt completely alone in the housing search until orientation.

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Other Institution

If other than Middlebury, please indicate your home institution:

2. Your academic program

Major

IS History of Art, European Studies, Spanish

Month & Year of (expected) graduation

Feb 2010

3. What was the period of your study abroad?

fall semester

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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?

As mentioned, the academic environment in the United States and Spain are very different. This new experience is precisely why you go abroad. It is challenging and frustrating at times, but an unique opportunity to learn about a different culture and your peers. Looking back I believe that I learned as much if not more outside of the classroom than in it. However, I think classes can provide a nice way to structure your time in the beginning and provide a strong medium to integrate with other students. As a foreign student it is up to you to meet your teacher and go to class (even if nobody else is). You have different priorities and no matter what, listening to an intelligent person speak in a different language (the one you are trying to learn) is a worthwhile use of your time.

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:

At the end of the day we are all human beings juggling friends, families, and careers.

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 gained a lot of confidence in my ability to meet and interact with Spaniards and international people. There was just so much to do I had to make sure to take advantage of what I most highly valued and enjoy everything I could.

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

I was able to have an internship in the arts, which is my major. It gave me a real life application for everything that I had been studying, and gave me an opportunity to meet other students and professionals in the field.

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?

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

I was not able to live with a spaniard, but we spoke in Spanish in the house. As we were all foreigners, we bonded and shared our experiences and discoveries.

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
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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 think an internship is absolutely essential for a study abroad. Classes can be great, but most of us have come here for the culture and a new experience. Internships provide you with an opportunity to interact with spaniards in a new way. They give you a more practical and meaningful place in the culture and society than just another foreign student.

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My improvement may not have been as great as I could have dreamed, but for the most part I am happy with it. My only point of concern or frustration would be in writing and grammar. Teachers in Spanish universities rarely give back feedback and especially since there tend to only be one or two papers per semester. I would also suggest that every location have some kind of writing tutor or resource.

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

Yes

No

Please explain:

Humanidades

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

Yes

No

Please explain:

Very little art history

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

Picasso: Tradición y Avant-garde

At which institution/university did you take this course?

Universidad Carlos III

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

Final Exam

Please describe the course content:

It was a small humanities course that explored in depth the life and works of Pablo Picasso.

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 lecture style with powerpoint slides.

Other comments about this course:

A very informational and nice class.

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Course Title #2

Arte desde 1945

At which institution/university did you take this course?

Universidad Carlos III

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

Paper and Exam

Describe course content

Explore art and trends since 1945

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.

Powerpoints, lectures and occasional texts

Other comments about this course:

This course had a lot of information to cover and the teacher was often a little bit unclear in his presentation.

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Course Title #3

Geografia Regional

At which institution/university did you take this course?

Universidad Carlos III

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

Papers

Describe course content

We studied geographical terms applying them to different regions of the world. Notably we focused on the Spain and the European Union and the relationship politically and culturally between the regions.

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.

Powerpoint lectures and reading

Other comments about this course:

The teacher went into too much detail at times, but the content was interesting when applied to examples of the European Union and its recent development of regional institutions. Spain is also a unique example as their autonomous communities are relatively unique in the organization of a nation.

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Course Title #4

Historia Economica y Social Europea de los siglos XIX y XX

At which institution/university did you take this course?

Universidad Carlos III

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

quizzes, exams

Describe course content

History of Europe in the 19th and 20th centuries as it grows into the industrial revolution and modern life.

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.

Lectures, reading and inclass joint writing

Other comments about this course:

I had a very very nice teacher, who was devoted and articulate to the topic. We had a fair amount of work, but interesting.

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Course Title #5

Sotheby's Madrid Office - Intern

At which institution/university did you take this course?

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

Research Paper comparing Sotheby's and eBay, presentation on Sotheby's

Describe course content

I worked within the office- picking up the phone, returning email, greeting clients

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:

It was a challenging but fully rewarding experience. One of the best things I did in Spain. I learned a lot about the international art world, spanish culture and office environment.

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

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Excellent

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Not helpful

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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:

.....

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

Be prepared for anything and talk to everybody. There is no shame and being humble is just a strength. There will be hard days but there will be great ones too.

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?

Talking to other students who went before was helpful. I would suggest more support in finding housing and interesting activities.

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

International Studies

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?

Spain's education system is based on memorizing and regurgitating information onto exams, which is very different from Middlebury's approach to education. I was rarely asked to think and analyze situations as we do at Middlebury, and feel as though I've lost a whole academic year of education. However, the super-relaxed atmosphere at Getafe afforded me many opportunities for travel.

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

6. Please Comment:

Spanish students for the most part are much less driven and have fewer goals than students at Middlebury. It was hard to adjust to a culture where ambition is viewed as a detriment to society.

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 learned how to live on my own which was important for my personal growth.

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

I realized I no longer want to live in Spain after graduation.

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

- Homestay
 - Dormitory/Student Residence/Foyer
 - Apartment
 - Other (please describe)
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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 lived with a Dominican and a texan, so I didn't have many opportunities to speak Castillian, which was sad for me.

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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| | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" 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 had an internship with the human resources department at American Express. The internship was helpful to my understanding of Spain's corporate culture and their work lives.

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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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?

I made much less progress than I had hoped. When I was in Spain during high school, I spoke spanish all of the time with my host family and high school friends. Not living with Spaniards was a detriment to my progress, although it's sort of a myth that these apartments with Spanish students exist.

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:

.....

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

Social Problems

At which institution/university did you take this course?

UC3M

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

Exam, short responses

Please describe the course content:

varied

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.

lectures

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

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

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

Contemporary Spanish poetry

At which institution/university did you take this course?

UC3M

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

paper, exam

Describe course content

spanish poetry post 1900

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.

lectures

Other comments about this course:

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28. 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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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
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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

Spanish Grammar II

At which institution/university did you take this course?

UC3M

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

exam, paper

Describe course content

grammar for journalism students

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.

lectures

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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32. 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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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

Social Structure of Spain

At which institution/university did you take this course?

UC3M

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

Exam, long paper

Describe course content

social structure in Spain, immigration, etc.

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.

lectures, presentations

Other comments about this course:

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

35. 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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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

Contemporary Artistic Movements

At which institution/university did you take this course?

UC3M

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

exam

Describe course content

modern art history from impressionism

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.

lectures, slides

Other comments about this course:

the professors were excellent

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

38. 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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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

Cine de autor

At which institution/university did you take this course?

UC3M

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

one final exam

Describe course content

broad selection of directors, genres, etc.

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.

slide lectures, movie clips.

Other comments about this course:

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40. 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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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
	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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

Applied spanish grammar

At which institution/university did you take this course?

Sede Prim

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

Compositions, exam

Describe course content

grammar for american students.

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.

lectures, discussions, seminar-esque

Other comments about this course:

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43. 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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44. 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 type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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 American Express

At which institution/university did you take this course?

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

Describe course content

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:

This was a great insight into the working lives of Spanish people

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

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

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

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

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

49. 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

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

Yes

No

51. 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.

Some things that are considered racist or harrasment in America are not seen as such by Spaniards.

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

Yes

No

Please explain:

It is a large public university.

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

You will be very much on your own at UC3M. The staff at UC3M are very inflexible and the enrollment for foreign students is a disaster. In one instance, the beauracracy stopped me from taking a class that the professor was fine with me enrolling in. There is no recourse for complaints about the enrollment process.

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?

I thought all of the info was available in the packet we received. It was nice for the students to share their experiences though.

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

English

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?

Carlos III had a very different approach to education. The majority of students did not attend class consistently, some even only show up for the exam. There is not much work throughout the semester; some classes have a final worth 100% of your final grade. This allowed me to travel, etc, but I ultimately learned that I much prefer consistent work and grading rather than this approach.

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

6. Please Comment:

People our age still live with their parents, causing them to act more like high schoolers than college students at home. Much more relaxed, slower pace.

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 abroad made me become much more independent. I've never lived in a city, much less speaking in a foreign language, so you have to get over being shy very quickly.

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

It has opened the possibility of doing something with Spanish after graduation. I want to see more cultures and ways of life.

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?

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.

The two Spaniards I lived with were extremely helpful and welcoming, answering all of my questions and encouraging me to speak Spanish all the time- correcting my language mistakes in a helpful way.

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

.....

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

- Yes
- No

15. 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 type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> |

16. 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 |
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| <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

17. 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 |
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18. 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
	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

19. 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?

Less than I expected- I thought I would be fluent. Comprehension is nearly perfect, but I still need some work in my speaking.

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

- Yes
- No

Please explain:

Did not enjoy my classes

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

- Yes
- No

Please explain:

.....

22. 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

Problemas Sociales

At which institution/university did you take this course?

Carlos III

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

homeworks, exams

Please describe the course content:

Discusses poverty, inequality, and wealth distribution in Spain

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.

Similar

Other comments about this course:

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

"I learned a great deal in this course."

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24. 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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25. 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

Industrias Culturales

At which institution/university did you take this course?

Carlos III

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

Exam, presentation

Describe course content

Intro to Media Studies

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.

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Other comments about this course:

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

"I learned a great deal in this course."

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28. 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

Cine de Autor

At which institution/university did you take this course?

Carlos III

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

Exam

Describe course content

different directorial styles in movie directing

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.

explored various director's signature styles

Other comments about this course:

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

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31. 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

Grammar

At which institution/university did you take this course?

Middlebury-Sede Prim

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

homework, exam

Describe course content

grammar review

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.

specific to Spain

Other comments about this course:

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

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

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

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

Poor

Good

Excellent

36. 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

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

Yes

No

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

Yes

No

Please explain:

LOVED IT

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

Carefully consider between Sede and Carlos III depending on your personality/work ethic.

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

Yes

No

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

Yes

No

N/A - Did not attend meetings

42. 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?

Very helpful

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

International Studies

Month & Year of (expected) graduation

February 2010

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?

For me, Midd's Sede Prim did not provide academic differences as all the classes are taught only to foreigners by teachers who are well experienced/knowledged in our system and expectations. In honest, I would not say that Sede Prim's academic situation fosters a sense of cultural separation/newness as my classes there seemed no different than those of Midd. Perhaps I could say that the work load was a lot less stressful until finals but I think every student who studies abroad encounters a system where the work load is minimal up until the final weeks.

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

6. Please Comment:

America is, in essence, the child of Europe and its culture which therefore fosters many similarities between the two worlds. While the language was obviously different, the visual landscape hardly differed. Most differences that I encountered were related to political systems or political perceptions -- but this was due to the fact that I was in Madrid not only during the American primaries but also during the PM elections in Spain.

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

One word: individuality. Study abroad guarantees that you will spend a lot more time alone and the language barrier only encourages this. But if you're comfortable with this, and willing to take the dive and initiate conversations with foreigners, its truly a feeling of success.

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

Academically it makes me want to learn more languages. Career wise, I couldn't say. Personal would again be to learn more languages and to make sure that I continue to travel a lot in order to experience and see new cultures and places.

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

- Homestay
 - Dormitory/Student Residence/Foyer
 - Apartment
 - Other (please describe)
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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
	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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

I lived with 2 professionals who were hardly home so for the most part I returned to an empty apartment. But about once a month we would all go out to someplace new for me or eat a new type of food.

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

- Yes
 No

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

- Yes
 No

14. 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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15. 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.

independent study with Kim Griffin.

This study focused on a rural town about 1 hour outside of Madrid which meant that I was able to travel to a town and interview/converse with locals in an environment that I'd never had been able to experience if it wasn't for this class. Truly my independent study was one of my favorite things about my semester abroad.

16. 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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17. 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 |
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18. 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

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

No improvement

Little improvement

Improved somewhat

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Very much improved

20. 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?

Grammatically I don't think I improved dramatically but what Study abroad helps you with is the everyday language. Upon arrival I could write pages about political systems and historic events granted that my classes at Midd had already made me do this but it was during my first night out that I realized I had no idea as to what the restaurant menu said, how to order food in an informal manner, or how to casually strike up conversation. But by the end of the semester however, all of this was much much easier to do.

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

Yes

No

Please explain:

The classes are demanding, interesting, and well organized.

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

Yes

No

Please explain:

Sede Prim is not a cultural challenge that you need to acclimate to as it seems similar if not identical to that which you expect of a Middlebury class.

23. 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"/>

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

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

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

	Poor		Good		Excellent
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26. 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
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27. Did you see or experience any form of discrimination or harassment in your host country?

- Yes
- No

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

- Yes
- No

Please explain:

Academically, the classes, while culturally no different, are very good and interesting. But if you are looking to really have a "spanish" experience I'd definitely recommend that you go elsewhere.

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

That it is the best thing you'll ever do. You'll make friends from all over the world and see places you'd never thought you'd go to. Sede is an amazing place but its no different than Middlebury in respect to its academic system and luxurious facilities. It's basically a continuation of Club Midd in Spain so if you want to have a gentle exposure to a foreign country rather than a quick and powerful culture shock, I'd recommend Sede.

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

- Yes
- No

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

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

32. 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?

The visa sheet that explained exactly what to write in the visa application.

The informal meeting with alumnns.

IMPROVE HOUSING - have it set up before departure. I'm studying down in Chile now and the office in Santiago had everything set before I arrived - about two months before my arrival they even sent me pictures and information about my house and family.

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

Geography

Month & Year of (expected) graduation

2009.5

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?

very similar academic environment because it was a middlebury school

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

6. Please Comment:

large modern metropolitan city

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

much more independant

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

same as before

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

- Homestay
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- 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?

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.

lived with international students

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

- Yes
- No

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

Yes

No

14. 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.

took classes at a local gym

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

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less than i expected, but made great improvements

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

- Yes
- No

Please explain:

.....

22. 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

grammar

At which institution/university did you take this course?

sede prim

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

homework and tests

Please describe the course content:

communication skills

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.

nightly homework

Other comments about this course:

good teacher

23. 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



24. 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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25. 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

environmental policy

At which institution/university did you take this course?

sede prim

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

paper

Describe course content

environmental philosophy

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 and reading

Other comments about this course:

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28. 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

art in the museum

At which institution/university did you take this course?

sede prim

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

paper and exams

Describe course content

20thj century art

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.

trip to museum

Other comments about this course:

good class

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31. 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

European Union

At which institution/university did you take this course?

sede prim

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

exams

Describe course content

formatin of the EU

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:

interesting class

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

"I learned a great deal in this course."

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34. 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"/>

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

Poor

Good

Excellent

36. 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

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

Yes

No

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

Yes

No

Please explain:

great experience, more sheltered than getafe

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

definitely do it. this program was good for me because i only had 2 years of experience wit hspanish

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

Yes

No

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

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

42. 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?

not useful: housing situation. help the students more

43. How did you learn of the Middlebury program? (Check all that apply.)

- searching the web
- a friend who attended a Middlebury program
- a friend (who did not attend a Middlebury program)
- a sibling or other family member
- a faculty member at my college/university
- by attending the Middlebury Language Schools
- a study abroad fair
- a study abroad office/adviser
- a news article

Other

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44. Why did you choose this particular program and site?

wanted to be in spain but not ready to be directly enrolled in a spanish university

45. Did your expectations of the program as advertised before you went abroad match the reality of your experience during your study abroad?

- Completely matched
- Was what I expected for the most part
- Was somewhat different from what I expected
- Was vastly different than what I'd expected

Comments

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46. Did you receive acceptance and pre-departure information in a timely fashion?

- Yes
- No

47. Did you find the mailings and online resources useful?

- Yes
- No

48. How would you recommend that we improve in this area?

it was fine

49. Were there particular challenges unique to you as a student from another institution? Please explain.

nope

1. Home Institution

Middlebury College

Other Institution

If other than Middlebury, please indicate your home institution:

Sarah Lawrence College

2. Your academic program

Major

Economics

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?

We had a school specifically designed for our program so besides the limited choices in classes it was basically similar to what I'm used too, except in Spanish.

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

6. Please Comment:

The food and music were different yes, but as far as societal differences the main one I saw was dress. Other than that it just reminded me of any other big city.

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'm definitely more prepared to take the next step after college. After being basically on my own knowing no one in a foreign country moving anywhere else doesn't seem at all like a challenge.

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

Didn't really affect them.

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?

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 was able to meet people from all over the world Spain included, so really I was able to learn about many cultures instead of just one.

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

- Yes
- No

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

Yes

No

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

No improvement

Little improvement

Improved somewhat

Improved

Very much improved

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

No improvement

Little improvement

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

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I'm Mexican-American, my problems have always been in writing and speaking. I have definitely improved in both, the latter more so.

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

Yes

No

Please explain:

integration

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

Yes

No

Please explain:

.....

21. 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

Gramatica Avanzada

At which institution/university did you take this course?

Middlebury College in Spain

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

exams, homework, final paper

Please describe the course content:

Spanish grammar

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.

use of themes to practice certain areas of grammar

Other comments about this course:

great teacher

22. 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

23. 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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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 #2

Policia Medioambiente en Espana

At which institution/university did you take this course?

Middlebury College in Spain

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

exam, final paper, presentations

Describe course content

study of philosophy and theory

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.

Hard to describe, just very fun

Other comments about this course:

AMAZING

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

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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 #3

Madrid: La ciudad de Velazquez and Goya

At which institution/university did you take this course?

Middlebury College in Spain

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

papers and presentations

Describe course content

studied art and architecture

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.

Powerpoint notes, trips to el Prado and around the city

Other comments about this course:

really good

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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 #4

Union Europea

At which institution/university did you take this course?

Middlebury College in Spain

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

exams, book report

Describe course content

learned the history of the EU and how it functions

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.

Notes and handouts

Other comments about this course:

AMAZING TEACHER

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Good

Excellent

35. 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

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

Yes

No

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

Yes

No

Please explain:

Learned alot

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

Be prepared to immerse yourself. Don't go if your not adventurous. And for the love of god bring plenty of clothes, the Spanish always dress nice.

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Yes

No

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

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

41. 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 found the information on the residencias the most helpful, I was one of two people who had a place to stay when I arrived.

42. How did you learn of the Middlebury program? (Check all that apply.)

- searching the web
- a friend who attended a Middlebury program
- a friend (who did not attend a Middlebury program)
- a sibling or other family member
- a faculty member at my college/university
- by attending the Middlebury Language Schools
- a study abroad fair
- a study abroad office/adviser
- a news article

Other

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43. Why did you choose this particular program and site?

High requirements to be admitted and the cheapest tuition.

44. Did your expectations of the program as advertised before you went abroad match the reality of your experience during your study abroad?

- Completely matched
- Was what I expected for the most part
- Was somewhat different from what I expected
- Was vastly different than what I'd expected

Comments

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45. Did you receive acceptance and pre-departure information in a timely fashion?

- Yes
- No

46. Did you find the mailings and online resources useful?

- Yes
- No

47. How would you recommend that we improve in this area?

N/A

48. Were there particular challenges unique to you as a student from another institution? Please explain.

A little awkward at first but I made friends quick.

49. Further comments:

great program.

1. Home Institution

Middlebury College

Other Institution

If other than Middlebury, please indicate your home institution:

University of Vermont

2. Your academic program

Major

Psychology

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?

I felt that the educational environment in the Sede was much like that of an American university, but of course much smaller. I liked that the language pledge was enforced in the school: I felt that it really helped my Spanish speaking abilities.

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:

Since I studied in Madrid, a major international city, it was very much Americanized. Of course there were some cultural differences, but I feel that I would have had much more of a culture shock/immersion experience in a different city or even a different country.

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 Spain allowed to experience discrimination first-hand for the first time in my life. I am a blonde-haired, blue-eyed, Caucasian female and I feel that I have never really been outwardly discriminated against. However, in Madrid, I felt discriminated against every single day I was there. I asked one of my Spanish professors if it was because of the way I looked (my blonde hair and American look) and he said "absolutely". I have grown tremendously in this respect--I now understand what it is like to be in someone else's shoes.

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

My spanish-speaking, reading, and listening improved while I was abroad. I am also proud of myself for traveling alone to a huge metropolitan city in a country that I had never been to before. I was terrified when I first arrived, but it was really a great growing/learning experience. While I was abroad, I was also able to travel to other countries alone and really learned how much I like to travel alone, as well as with others. I feel that I achieved my goals of traveling to certain countries, living on my own, living in a big city, and being able to communicate and live in a city speaking an entirely different language.

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?

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

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

I lived in a residencia with Spanish and Portuguese females, so I was able to speak Spanish with them and they were very helpful in helping me to understand the culture of Spain.

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

- Yes
- No

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

Yes

No

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

No
improvement

Little
improvement

Improved
somewhat

Improved

Very much
improved

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

No
improvement

Little
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Improved
somewhat

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

No
improvement

Little
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somewhat

Improved

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

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Improved

Very much
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18. 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?

I think I could have improved more in my speaking abilities if I was in a setting with spanish-speaking people and not all Americans. That way, I would have had a much greater immersion experience.

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

Yes

No

Please explain:

Courses all in Spanish--no english allowed

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

Yes

No

Please explain:

very small--students were mostly American

21. 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

Comunicacion Avanzada

At which institution/university did you take this course?

Sede Prim, Madrid

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

papers, exams, homework

Please describe the course content:

grammar, conversation, writing, listening

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.

conversation was what we did most and was very helpful in understanding concepts, terms, etc.

Other comments about this course:

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22. 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

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

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 #2

Literatura del antiheroe

At which institution/university did you take this course?

Sede Prim, Madrid

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

papers, exams, readings

Describe course content

reading spanish novels and discussing them

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:

not enough conversation

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
	<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:

"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 #3

El medio ambiente de Espana

At which institution/university did you take this course?

Sede Prim, Madrid

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

presentations, exams, papers

Describe course content

mostly philosophy

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.

conversation/lecture

Other comments about this course:

I feel that I did not get what I wanted out of the course. I understood the course to be more about the environment and the policies of Spain, but it was more like a philosophy course.

28. 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"/>

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
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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 #4

Literatura de Latinoamerica

At which institution/university did you take this course?

Sede Prim, Madrid

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

exams, reading

Describe course content

short stories

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.

discussion

Other comments about this course:

This was my favorite course--Profesor Bejar was a great teacher--he not only helped us to understand the stories and the cultural meanings from them, but also helped us with our spanish-speaking.

31. 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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32. 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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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 #5

Seminario

At which institution/university did you take this course?

Sede Prim

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

conversation

Describe course content

culture of Madrid/Spain

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.

conversation

Other comments about this course:

I feel that I could have benefitted from this course much more had I taken it from the beginning of the semester rather than half-way through. He taught us many useful things, but unfortunately, I had already learned these things the hard way, through experience (for example, how to avoid pick-pocketing etc)

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:

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

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

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

Poor

Good

Excellent

38. 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

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

Yes

No

40. 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.

My advice is to try to understand the culture as best you can. If you can't understand it or don't agree with it, just go along with it and realize that it is their way of life, even if it is different from what you are used to.

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

Yes

No

Please explain:

I would recommend the program to students who would like to take classes all in spanish. However, I would not recommend the program because of the housing situation and the fact that the students are mostly American.

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

If I could do study abroad all over again, I would choose a better immersion program because in that type of setting, it is much easier to learn the language and culture. However, Madrid is a great city and I do not regret going there.

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

Yes

No

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

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

45. 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 think the housing situation needs improvement. I feel that the students should be given some type of housing upon arrival (reserved rooms in a hostel or hotel). I also feel that the housing coordinator could have been more helpful in the process.

46. How did you learn of the Middlebury program? (Check all that apply.)

- searching the web
- a friend who attended a Middlebury program
- a friend (who did not attend a Middlebury program)
- a sibling or other family member
- a faculty member at my college/university
- by attending the Middlebury Language Schools
- a study abroad fair
- a study abroad office/adviser
- a news article

Other

.....

47. Why did you choose this particular program and site?

I thought that the language pledge would really help my speaking abilities.

48. Did your expectations of the program as advertised before you went abroad match the reality of your experience during your study abroad?

- Completely matched
- Was what I expected for the most part
- Was somewhat different from what I expected
- Was vastly different than what I'd expected

Comments

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49. Did you receive acceptance and pre-departure information in a timely fashion?

- Yes
- No

50. Did you find the mailings and online resources useful?

- Yes
- No

1. Home Institution

Middlebury College

Other Institution

If other than Middlebury, please indicate your home institution:
.....

2. Your academic program

Major
Political Science

Month & Year of (expected) graduation
February 2010

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 classes were much smaller than my classes at Middlebury which was helpful because I was given the opportunity to speak a lot which was beneficial.

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

6. Please Comment:

Although most of my friends were Americans, I still had trouble adjusting to the different culture. Eating at restaurants for example was at first difficult.

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 became more independent. I am mentally strong which helped me when times were harder

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

I definitely want to live abroad again, but perhaps but in a Spanish speaking country. I would love to incorporate Spanish speaking somehow in my career.

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?

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 lived with 7 other international students, all Spanish speakers. We did not have a common room so it was hard to really get to know them, but I definitely had conversations with them daily in the kitchen.

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

- Yes
- No

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

Yes

No

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

No
improvement

Little
improvement

Improved
somewhat

Improved

Very much
improved

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

No
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Very much
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16. What kind of progress did you make in your ability to write in the language?

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

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Very much
improved

18. 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 understanding definitely improved more than my actual speaking. I became more confident as I continued even though my grammar was not always correct.

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

- Yes
- No

Please explain:

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

- Yes
- No

Please explain:

Because you take classes with only Americans, you do not have the opportunity to learn from Spaniards.

21. 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

Advanced Grammar

At which institution/university did you take this course?

Sede Prim

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

daily papers, tests

Please describe the course content:

grammar review

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 and exercises

Other comments about this course:

very helpful

22. 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



23. 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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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 #2

Modern Art

At which institution/university did you take this course?

Sede Prim

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

papers, exams

Describe course content

modern art, mostly exhibited in museums in Madrid

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 similar to my art history course at Middlebury

Other comments about this course:

favorite course at Sede

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 #3

Environmental Issues in Spain

At which institution/university did you take this course?

Sede Prim

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

papers, presentation

Describe course content

environmental issues in both Spain and other countries

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-based

Other comments about this course:

interesting course

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

"I learned a great deal in 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 #4

European Union

At which institution/university did you take this course?

Sede Prim

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

papers, exams

Describe course content

the evolution of the european union

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-based

Other comments about this course:

my least favorite course in Spain

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

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

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

Poor

Good

Excellent

35. 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

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

Yes

No

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

Yes

No

Please explain:

Too small and not enough of an immersion. I would suggest going to Latin America instead.

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

I would tell them to live with Spanish speakers and to try to go abroad with people they don't already know.

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

Yes

No

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

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

41. 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?

Speaking with students who had already done the program was useful.

1. Home Institution

Middlebury College

Other Institution

If other than Middlebury, please indicate your home institution:

carnegie mellon

2. Your academic program

Major

business administration

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?

I benefited by studying and having to deal with two things at once: 1)language barrier 2)subject of class

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:

Spain is very different from the United States. From daily routine, way of life, food, outlook on life etc.

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

It contributed to my independence.

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

I now know that I want to be fluent in Spanish and potentially other languages as well. It helps you to understand different cultures better.

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?

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 lived with 4 people from Mexico and continuously practiced spanish as well as learn about their culture.

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

- Yes
- No

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

Yes

No

14. 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

15. 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 at a Spanish high school and understood so much more about the way of growing up in Spain.

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

No improvement

Little improvement

Improved somewhat

Improved

Very much improved

17. 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

18. 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

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

No
improvement

Little
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Improved
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Very much
improved



20. 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 language improvement was greater than what i expected however I wish i would have stayed longer so that I could have improved even more. I left at a crucial time where I believe I was just getting better.

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

Yes

No

Please explain:

Language immersion

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

Yes

No

Please explain:

American students and less cultural immersion

23. 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

medio ambiente

At which institution/university did you take this course?

middlebury

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

papers, exams, hw

Please describe the course content:

studied the environment in spain with an emphasis on historical perspective

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.

in spanish

Other comments about this course:

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

26. 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

internship

At which institution/university did you take this course?

taught english at lel colegio de la salle

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

na

Describe course content

na

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.

na

Other comments about this course:

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

28. 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"/>

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

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

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

Poor

Good

Excellent

31. 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

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

Yes

No

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

Yes

No

Please explain:

Overall a great immersion program

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

Definitely consider the size of the group you want to study abroad with because Madrid only had 13 students.

35. 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?

Visa preparation is extremely useful. Also understanding the housing situation before approval.

36. How did you learn of the Middlebury program? (Check all that apply.)

- searching the web
- a friend who attended a Middlebury program
- a friend (who did not attend a Middlebury program)
- a sibling or other family member
- a faculty member at my college/university
- by attending the Middlebury Language Schools
- a study abroad fair
- a study abroad office/adviser
- a news article

Other

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37. Why did you choose this particular program and site?

Emphasis on language immersion

38. Did your expectations of the program as advertised before you went abroad match the reality of your experience during your study abroad?

- Completely matched
- Was what I expected for the most part
- Was somewhat different from what I expected
- Was vastly different than what I'd expected

Comments

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39. Did you receive acceptance and pre-departure information in a timely fashion?

- Yes
- No

40. Did you find the mailings and online resources useful?

- Yes
- No

41. How would you recommend that we improve in this area?

Keep in contact regarding housing. It was a little in shock when i arrived and had nowhere to stay.

42. Were there particular challenges unique to you as a student from another institution? Please explain.

No.

43. Further comments:

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