



Middlebury Schools Abroad Evaluation: 2007-2008

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

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

This document contains respondents between 1 and 5 inclusive.

1. Home Institution

Middlebury College

Other Institution

If other than Middlebury, please indicate your home institution:

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2. Your academic program

Major

Math

Month & Year of (expected) graduation

June 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?

It was really hard only having one graded assignment at the end of the semester. I never had any idea how I was doing in my classes, but in the end it worked out to be about the same as at Midd.

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:

It was the same

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

Its good to be easy going abroad because you have to be ready for anything and everything to go wrong (in a good way).

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

It didn't

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.

Loved my host family, they eat every dinner with me and were very good about helping me integrate.

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

- Yes
- No

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

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

Comments

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

- Yes
- No

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

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

I went to a cafe that had philosophical discussions and I got to talk to people.

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

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

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

I expected to progress a lot and I did.

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

Yes

No

Please explain:

Translation classes are great

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

Yes

No

Please explain:

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

Course Title #1

Combinatorial Analysis

At which institution/university did you take this course?

Poitiers

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

2 exams and a problem set

Please describe the course content:

theorems and proofs

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 discussion

Other comments about this course:

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Course Title #2

Translation level 2 and 3

At which institution/university did you take this course?

Poitiers

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

Exam

Describe course content

Translation between English and French

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.

Class participation

Other comments about this course:

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Course Title #3

Planet Earth

At which institution/university did you take this course?

Poitiers

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

Exam

Describe course content

Formation and geology of the earth

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:

way too much information

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Course Title #4

History of Science

At which institution/university did you take this course?

Poitiers

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

Exam and oral presentation

Describe course content

history of science between the resaissance and today

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

lecture

Other comments about this course:

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

Course Title #5

History of France in the 18th Century

At which institution/university did you take this course?

Poitiers

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

Exam

Describe course content

History of French revolutions

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

Lecture

Other comments about this course:

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

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

Poor

Good

Excellent

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

Not helpful

Somewhat helpful

Very helpful

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

Yes

No

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

Yes

No

Please explain:

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

Do it.

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?

It was fine

48. 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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49. Why did you choose this particular program and site?

I speak French, but didn't like Paris and couldn't take math in Bordeaux

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

- Yes
- No

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

- Yes
- No

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

It was fine

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

No

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Middlebury College

Other Institution

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Major

Physics

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 most significant difference was the fact that there was no day to day homework. The entire grade was based on the final exam. However, in other respects, all the classes I took were fairly similar to what I would encounter at Middlebury. I probably benefited from the fear that I would fall behind or get lost, so I think I kept up with the material more than some of the French students.

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:

There are obviously differences between American and French culture, but on the whole they have many of the same values and morals. So it is easy to assimilate.

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 definitely feel much more confident in every situation in America now. After dealing with everyday situations in French, everything seems so much less intimidating in English.
While I was abroad I tried not to expect anything specific so that I wouldn't be disappointed or depressed.

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

It did not affect my academic or career goals, it was merely its own experience. Personally, though, it has made me more aware of how our country is viewed by foreigners, as well as how international students must feel here.

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.

It was nice to live with a family and have people to keep me company and cook me dinner!

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?

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Comments

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

I joined a ping pong class, in which all the other students were French. It was a good way to get away from other Americans and international students in a laid back setting.

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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It was less than I expected, but still significant. It was probably my own fault somewhat, as I often spoke English with other foreign students.

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

Yes

No

Please explain:

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

Yes

No

Please explain:

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

Course Title #1

Physique Statistique

At which institution/university did you take this course?

Universite de Poitiers

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

Exams

Please describe the course content:

A survey of statistical physics

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.

Large lectures, and smaller discussion sections

Other comments about this course:

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

Course Title #2

La Planete Terre

At which institution/university did you take this course?

Universite de Poitiers

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

Exam

Describe course content

Intro geology and astronomy

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.

A large lecture

Other comments about this course:

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Course Title #3

Histoire des Sciences

At which institution/university did you take this course?

Universite de Poitiers

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

Exam and oral presentation

Describe course content

Review of the major scientific figures and theories since about 1400

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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Course Title #4

Heritage politique de la France

At which institution/university did you take this course?

Universite de Poitiers

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

exam

Describe course content

French revolution and French politics of the 19th century

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

lecture/discussion

Other comments about this course:

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Course Title #5

Translation

At which institution/university did you take this course?

Universite de Poitiers

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

exams, class participation

Describe course content

Translations of excerpts from both French and English texts

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.

Class discussions of personal translations

Other comments about this course:

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Very helpful

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

Yes

No

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

Yes

No

Please explain:

It was great to be outside of Paris to experience a more relaxed aspect of French culture

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

Don't worry about things, everything works out and everyone I encountered was very friendly.

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
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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?

It was helpful speaking with the students who had done the program before just to get a real first hand opinion on specific questions.

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I learnt to be much more independent as in France there are no "homework" assignments, only midterm assignments and finals. I also learnt to apply specific formatting and organization to essays and in fact all work. While annoying at the time, it improved organization of my thoughts.

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:

While both are European influenced cultures, the mindsets are very different. France has a much stronger sense of history and more unified sense of identity, as such they have deep rooted and rigid ways of approaching everything in life. I found Americans to be much more open in every sense of the word.

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 have a greater understanding of what happens when the cushion that is parents and middlebury gets taken away. How to judge situations for myself, and react when forced to coexist with people who live differently, and approach daily issues from a different point of view from myself.

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

I became fluent in french. That is what I set out to do.

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

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

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

I was living with two french girls, with no other middlebury students in the city for the first semester and form any relationships with any other americans or english speaking persons.

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

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Comments

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

- Yes
- No

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

- | 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 was involved in the contemporary dance diploma program at the National Conservatory in Poitiers.

It was a great place to dance, extremely warm and friendly and really created a community feeling for me. While none of the dancers were my best friends, I felt I belonged there as much as they did. All were French.

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

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

No improvement

Little improvement

Improved somewhat

Improved

Very much improved

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

No improvement

Little improvement

Improved somewhat

Improved

Very much improved

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

No improvement

Little improvement

Improved somewhat

Improved

Very much improved

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

It was what I had hoped, but greater than expected. You cannot expect to become fluent if you do not put yourself out there and separate from middlebury students at least for part of the time.

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:

I think this is typical of many French universities, but the professors make no effort to be interesting or entertaining. Students are required to take their classes, and they are not accountable for the quality thereof.

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

Analyse combinatoire Intermediate

At which institution/university did you take this course?

Poitiers

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

2 exams, 2 graded problem sets

Please describe the course content:

Analysis - mathematics

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.

A huge lecture and then a smaller discussion, which was basically a professor standing in front of the room writing out exactly how to do every practice problem with little input from students.

Other comments about this course:

Completely different style of teaching from midd math classes.

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

Histoire Classique Intro

At which institution/university did you take this course?

Poitiers - SHA

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

exam

Describe course content

History of Rome

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.

Large lecture and slightly big smaller class where students did presentations on the culture of Rome.

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

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

Histoire Midievale Intro

At which institution/university did you take this course?

Poitiers-SHA

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

exams

Describe course content

Medieval history of Europe, Germanic tribes

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 discussions where we studied primary sources

Other comments about this course:

discussions serve primarily to teach the first years how to organize an essay and don't teach much material

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

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

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

Course Title #4

Comparative Lit- Novel and History upper level

At which institution/university did you take this course?

Poitiers-Langues et Lettres

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

Papers, presentation

Describe course content

March de Radetzky" and "Dr. jivago"

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 on the meaning of the books, and presentations by students of the significance of certain passages.

Other comments about this course:

excellent course in terms of French literary analysis style

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

"I learned a great deal in this course."

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

Course Title #5

Intensive Written Translation

At which institution/university did you take this course?

Poitiers - Lettres et Langues

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

Exams

Describe course content

Transaltion of French to english and vice-versa

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

Going over translations done for hw

Other comments about this course:

intermediate

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

19c French Novel

At which institution/university did you take this course?

Poitiers Lettres et Langues

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

papers and presentation

Describe course content

Illusions Perdues by Balzac

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 by professor and presentations by students

Other comments about this course:

upper level

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

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

Contemporary Pastoral Writings

At which institution/university did you take this course?

Poitiers Lettres and Langues

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

Papers and presentations

Describe course content

A french novel and an american novel that the professor argued could be considered contemporary pastoral 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.

Lots of lecture by professor and student presentations

Other comments about this course:

upper level

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

Course Title #8

Eur Hist:Middle Ages to 18C

At which institution/university did you take this course?

Poitiers lettres et langues

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

exam and paper

Describe course content

Intro to History of europe from the middle ages to 18century

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 but in a small classroom, so more dynamic than most french lecturers

Other comments about this course:

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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. 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"/>

48. 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 #9

Contemporary Dance culture and technique

At which institution/university did you take this course?

Conservatoire National a Rayonnement Regional de Poitiers

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

Ongoing assessment, exam

Describe course content

Modern dance technique, and learning some dance history, viewing current choreography in France, and learning Gallotta reperatory piece for performance, as well as coreography workshops and Feldon Kraiss technique.

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.

Dance classes, workshops, rehearsals, viewings.

Other comments about this course:

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49. 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"/>

50. 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"/>

51. 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"/>

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

Poor

Good

Excellent

53. 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

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

Yes

No

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

Yes

No

Please explain:

Great for immersion

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

Get involved and make an effort to get to know people of your host culture, but also take advantage of the community of international students.

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

Yes

No

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

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

59. 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?

Don't focus only on Paris, becomes quite irrelevant for everyone else. However I found the students comments very helpful.

1. Home Institution

Middlebury College

Other Institution

If other than Middlebury, please indicate your home institution:

2. Your academic program

Major
 joint Religion and Political Science

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 system in France puts a great deal for learning on the student. There is very little homework, and classes consist mainly of lectures by the professor, with little opportunity for discussion. It was generally expected that students would read outside of class and take the initiative to expand upon the material covered in class. At first this lack of structure was hard to adjust to, but after I settled in I found it to be rather liberating. The lack of rigid course structure enable me to have a greater hand in what I learned and studied. I felt as though the greater sense of responsibility for my own learning was also beneficial and an excellent opportunity for growth.

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:

There were obvious cultural differences, but I also found many similarities between the life of an American and a French college student. There were enough things in common so that I did not feel completely out of place, but enough new experiences to make my study abroad an interesting and rewarding semester.

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 found that I had to be much more independent and self-reliant during my time abroad, especially since I was living in a dorm instead of with a family. To get things done on my own I really had to conquer any fears about a new language and culture.

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

I am as yet undecided about my goals for my future career. I enjoyed the opportunity to study and live in a different culture. My time abroad only increased my desire to travel and spend time in other countries after college.

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 enjoyed the independence that came with living on my own, and I felt that the dorms provided me with opportunities to meet lots of other students, both French and international.

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

There wasn't much time for interaction with other students in class.

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

- Yes
- No

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

- | Not helpful at all | Only slightly helpful | Somewhat helpful | helpful | Very helpful |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------|
| <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" 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 was a member of a club at the university whose purpose was to organize activities (mainly for international students, although French students participated too) to help students integrate into the life of the University and the town of Poitiers. I also attended several meetings of a philosophy club which met at a cafe once a week to simply discuss issues of interest.

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

No improvement

Little improvement

Improved somewhat

Improved

Very much improved

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

No improvement

Little improvement

Improved somewhat

Improved

Very much improved

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

No improvement

Little improvement

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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?

My progress in the language was about what I had expected to make. I found extra-curricular activities to be very helpful in improving my speaking skills, whereas classes were more useful for writing skills.

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

Yes

No

Please explain:

There seemed to be a balanced selection of courses to choose from

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

Yes

No

Please explain:

(see above)

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

Topics in Comparative Literature

At which institution/university did you take this course?

University of Poitiers--Lettres and Langues

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

Papers, oral presentation, final exams

Please describe the course content:

Two-part course, 2 assigned novels for each

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.

classes alternated between student presentations and lectures by the professor

Other comments about this course:

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

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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."

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

Course Title #2

Intensive Written Translation

At which institution/university did you take this course?

University of Poitiers--Lettres et Langues

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

Midterm and final exam

Describe course content

Translation assignments for each class

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

Classes were spent correcting our translation assignments

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."

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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

Introduction to Ancient and Modern European History

At which institution/university did you take this course?

University of Poitiers--Lettres et Langues

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

Final exams

Describe course content

Two-part course; one part focused on Ancient European history, the other focused mainly on post-revolutionary French 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.

Classes consisted of lectures by the professors

Other comments about this course:

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

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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

19th Century France

At which institution/university did you take this course?

University of Poitiers--SHA

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

Final exam

Describe course content

History of France during the revolutionary period

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.

Classes consisted of lectures by the professor, and also smaller study sessions

Other comments about this course:

This was a very interesting and well-taught class

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. 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

Ancient and Medieval History of the Body

At which institution/university did you take this course?

University of Poitiers--SHA

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

Final exams (one oral, one written)

Describe course content

Two-part course, one on ancient, the other on medieval, history and views of the human body and form.

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.

Classes consisted of lectures by the professors, often accompanied by Power Point presentations and handouts

Other comments about this course:

Another fascinating and well-taught course.

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

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

Poor

Good

Excellent

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

Not helpful

Somewhat helpful

Very helpful

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

Yes

No

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

Yes

No

Please explain:

It was a great and well-organized experience

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

I would highly recommend study abroad. It is a wonderful opportunity for growth and greater cultural understanding. Poitiers was a great place to study. I felt I experience more of the culture than I would if I had gone to a big city like Paris.

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

Yes

No

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

Yes

No

N/A - Did not attend meetings

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

I found being able to talk with former study abroad students 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

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 learned the French system - less discussion but need to pay more attention in lecture. I had to learn to pick up the fast-speaking French and take really good notes.

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:

People think in a different manner, the teacher-student relationships are not as close there as they are 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?

i feel more responsible now and I feel more ready to go into my life after college because my time abroad has made me more confident about living alone in a different city where I didn't have friends before I arrived.

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

I would like to go back to France and live there for a while. I plan on continuing my French by reading and finding groups to have conversations, etc.

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 had a French flat-mate who I got to know pretty well over the course of my stay in France.

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

- Yes
- No

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

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

Comments

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

- Yes
- No

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

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

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

I attended the 'Café Philosophe' where people from town came every Wednesday and discussed philosophical matters.

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

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

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

No improvement

Little improvement

Improved somewhat

Improved

Very much improved

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

No improvement

Little improvement

Improved somewhat

Improved

Very much improved

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

No improvement

Little improvement

Improved somewhat

Improved

Very much improved

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

Waking up and listening to French, classes in French, speaking French all the time really helped. Even watching TV in French helped. I love the French language - so that also helped me too because I was doing something that made me really happy.

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:

I would avoid 1st year classes - too big.

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

The Industrial Revolution

At which institution/university did you take this course?

Univ. de Poitiers

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

exams, homework

Please describe the course content:

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.

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

PAscal

At which institution/university did you take this course?

Univ. de Poitiers

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

papers, exams

Describe course content

literature

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

more discussion

Other comments about this course:

smaller, 3rd year 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 type="radio"/>	<input checked="" 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
	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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

Histoire du XIXe

At which institution/university did you take this course?

Univ. de Poitiers

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

exam

Describe course content

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.

lecture

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."

	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"/>

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

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

Poesie

At which institution/university did you take this course?

Univ. de Poitiers

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

papers, exam

Describe course content

literature

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.

poetry course

Other comments about this course:

smaller, 3rd yr course

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

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

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

	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"/>

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

Roman et Histoire

At which institution/university did you take this course?

Univ. de Poitiers

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

papers, oral presentation

Describe course content

literature and history combined

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.

oral presentations, mostly by students and teacher's input

Other comments about this course:

oral presentations were difficult because of the French rigidity with presentations

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

39. 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"/>

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

Poor

Good

Excellent

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

Not helpful

Somewhat
helpful

Very helpful

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

Yes

No

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

Yes

No

Please explain:

Definitely!

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

Try to make a lot of friends at the university, although it takes time to make French friends because they all know each other already. Also try to make a lot of friends with Meli-Melo, the International students' Group. Try to speak as much French as possible - If you make French-speaking friends from the get-go you will be speaking more French throughout your whole semester.

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

Yes

No

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

Yes

No

N/A - Did not attend meetings

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

I found the orange handbook really helpful. I took one to France with me and my mom kept one at home too so that we both could refer to the same information while being in different places.