



# Diversity Issues in Study Abroad

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The Study Abroad Office is compiling information about students' experiences abroad in order to assist future students with preparation for their study abroad. The following questionnaire is open to all students of any background or identity. The information requested focuses on student identity and interaction between host culture residents and study abroad students. Please take the time to respond to all questions accurately and honestly. These anonymous responses may be made public, shared with prospective students, or used in the Study Abroad Office publications. Response to this questionnaire is completely voluntary, but would be greatly appreciated. Thank you!

How do you identify yourself? (example, Chinese-American male, white female, Catholic, GLBT, disabled, multiple identities, etc.)

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1. Where and when did you study abroad? City: \_\_\_\_\_ Country: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_

For how long?       Semester       Academic Year       Short-term program of \_\_\_\_ weeks

2. How did you choose your particular study abroad program or destination? Please check all that apply.

- language of study
  - economic state of country/region (developed or developing)
  - heritage (exploring your ethnic heritage and/or ancestry)
  - structure of the program (e.g. foreign university-based or faculty-led)
  - parents/family influence
  - interest in the course work available
  - size of city/town where program was located
  - recommended by friends/classmates
  - previously visited the city or country
  - other \_\_\_\_\_
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From the list, please comment on the top three factors you used in making your decision where to study abroad.

3. If you studied on a program in a country related to your heritage or ancestry please discuss whether or not your decision was related to this and describe your experiences there.

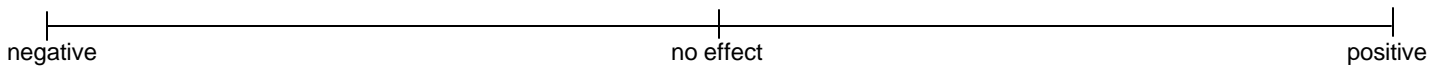
4. Did you feel you were part of a minority or majority (racial, ethnic, religious, nationality, etc.) group in your host country? What experiences did you have that gave you or supported that impression? What would you tell future study abroad students about this?

5. What factors do you think influenced the way you were treated in your host country? Check all that apply.

- physical appearance
- ethnicity/heritage
- sexual orientation
- gender
- religion
- status as a minority/majority in the host culture
- identity as an American (or other nationality)
- language
- other \_\_\_\_\_

Discuss the top three factors and provide examples of how you were treated. Was it a positive or negative experience?

6. On the previous page, you wrote your identity. How did having this identity in your host country and culture impact your study abroad experience? Please mark on the continuum below.



7. Did your experiences abroad influence or change how you perceive yourself? If so, how? Did your experience abroad change how you perceive diversity issues either abroad or in your home country (e.g. the US)? If so, how?

**Please fill in this section completely and accurately:**

Class standing (e.g. Freshman, Sophomore, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_ Major: \_\_\_\_\_  
Country of Citizenship: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

**This section is optional:**

If you would like to be a contact for future study abroad students concerning your experience in your host country, please provide your name and contact information.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tel: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return survey to the Study Abroad Office. Thank you!**