



# Returning Student Survey

This is a brief survey concerning your National Student Exchange experience. Your care, patience, and thoughtfulness in completing this form can aid our office in making decisions about improvements in program administration, in advising students who apply for exchange, and in identifying ways to better serve students who will participate in NSE in the future. **Thank you.**

**Return this form to:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Permanent Phone \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_  
Host Campus \_\_\_\_\_  
Period of Exchange (mm/yyyy) \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

May we share your comments and contact information with the following?

- Your host campus NSE coordinator      \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No
- Other administrators on your home campus      \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No
- The National Student Exchange Central Office      \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

## General Information

Your major while on exchange: \_\_\_\_\_  
Class year during your exchange:    \_\_\_sophomore \_\_\_junior \_\_\_senior \_\_\_other \_\_\_\_\_  
GPA:      \_\_\_\_\_ Prior to Exchange  
            \_\_\_\_\_ GPA at Host Campus  
Gender: \_\_\_ Female \_\_\_ Male  
Your age while on exchange:    \_\_\_18 \_\_\_19 \_\_\_20 \_\_\_21 \_\_\_22 \_\_\_23 Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
Prior to exchange were you a    \_\_\_ commuter      or    \_\_\_on-campus resident student?  
During exchange were you a    \_\_\_ commuter      or    \_\_\_on-campus resident student?

Motivation: What factors motivated you to participate in NSE? (check all that apply)

- academic program at the host campus
- desire to live away from home
- opportunity to live in a different part of the country
- travel
- change (need to get away)
- explore options for graduate school
- look for future employment opportunities
- personal growth opportunity
- language study opportunity
- participate in study abroad program of the host campus
- participate in an RA exchange
- enroll in honors courses
- live near friends and/or family
- other \_\_\_\_\_

How did you first learn about the National Student Exchange?

- poster
- information session
- classroom presentation
- professor
- bulletin board on campus
- internet website
- mail
- e-mail
- friend
- campus radio or TV
- brochure or flyer
- Facebook or other social networking sites

### Preparing For Exchange: Home Campus Assistance

During my application and placement process, my home campus NSE coordinator:

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Made me feel welcome.	1	2	3	4	5
Gave me written campus NSE policies and procedures.	1	2	3	4	5
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Explained eligibility requirements.	1	2	3	4	5
Explained the application process.	1	2	3	4	5
Explained the placement process.	1	2	3	4	5
Discussed how host campus coursework would be transferred to my home campus.	1	2	3	4	5
Discussed costs for exchange.	1	2	3	4	5
Discussed financial aid.	1	2	3	4	5
Explained the Placement Acceptance Form (PAF).	1	2	3	4	5
Discussed the requirement for an advising agreement.	1	2	3	4	5
Informed me of the importance of meeting campus obligations, deadlines, and codes of conduct.	1	2	3	4	5

Rank the three most difficult areas you encountered while planning for exchange? (1 = most difficult.)

- selecting a campus
- parental/guardian approval
- course approval
- academic advising
- coordinator assistance
- finances
- financial aid
- transportation
- finding housing at the host campus
- other \_\_\_\_\_

**After Placement: Pre-Departure Preparation**

If you had concerns prior to departure, indicate which ones in the list below.

- what to expect from the host campus
- travel arrangements
- financial aid
- registration when I return
- how my home campus transcript will appear after exchange
- whether or not I can return home if I don't like the host campus

OR

- felt comfortable with all the help I had been given

**Overall: Home Campus Assistance**

In general, how would you rate the assistance provided by your home campus coordinator?

- more than adequate     adequate     less than adequate     little help was provided

**Preparing For Your Exchange: Host Campus Assistance**

After signing the Placement Acceptance Form (PAF), I received enrollment information and housing information from my host campus coordinator:

- within a month     in one-two months     I had to contact the coordinator for information.

My host coordinator was responsive to my questions and my concerns.  Yes     No

Comments:

**During My Exchange: Host Coordinator Assistance**

My host coordinator:

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Made me feel welcome.	1	2	3	4	5
Introduced me to other NSE students.	1	2	3	4	5
Provided an orientation to the campus.					
Informed me of campus policies, procedures and deadlines.	1	2	3	4	5
Presented me with information on campus emergency procedures (i.e., natural disasters, medical emergencies, etc.	1	2	3	4	5
Kept in touch with me during exchange.	1	2	3	4	5

In general, how would you rate the assistance provided by your home campus coordinator?

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## Host Campus Experience

Was your host campus your  1<sup>st</sup>  2<sup>nd</sup>  3<sup>rd</sup> or  greater school choice?

What was the length of time you were on exchange?

- one semester or one quarter
- two consecutive semesters or quarters
- academic year
- summer session

Did you stay at the host campus for the length of time originally planned?     Yes     No

If no, did you stay     longer?     shorter?

Where did you reside on the host campus?

- on-campus residence
- off-campus apartment or rooming house
- fraternity/sorority house
- with local family members

In what areas did you find challenges or felt you needed more assistance after arriving at your host campus?

- course availability
- finances
- financial aid
- registration
- housing
- academic performance
- adjusting to a new campus
- adjusting to a new community
- campus policies
- student activities
- community opportunities
- culture of the community
- meeting other NSE students
- meeting other non-NSE campus students
- part-time job opportunities
- mental or physical health-related issues
- home sickness
- language proficiency
- difficulty in making friends
- other \_\_\_\_\_

Were there changes in your academic performance (e.g. GPA)?     higher     lower     about the same

In general, how would you compare the quality of instruction with that of your home campus?

about the same     better than my home campus     not the same as my home campus

Describe any unique academic opportunities in which you participated.

How would you describe the host campus feeling/environment?

What sites would you recommend to other students visiting in the area?

What advice would you give to other students considering this campus for exchange?

### **Overall Comments About Your Exchange**

What were the three best things about your exchange? (1 = best)

- academic development
- cultural experiences and awareness
- personal growth
- opportunities for travel
- social life
- future employment opportunities
- preparation for graduate school
- other \_\_\_\_\_

Rate your overall experience while on exchange.

- great
- average, but wouldn't have missed it
- was a challenge, but appreciated the opportunity
- should have stayed home

Would you recommend NSE to other students?  Yes  No

If you answered "no", why not?

## **Optional Questions**

Describe your overall NSE experience in 3 sentences or less.

What advice do you have for students considering participation in NSE?

What suggestions do you have to improve the NSE program?

**Thank You for completing this survey and for helping us to improve the NSE program.**