

# My Report

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Statistic	Value
Total Responses	2

### 3. Location

#	Answer	Bar	Response	%
39	Aalto University School of Economics		0	0%
4	Australian National University		0	0%
6	Chinese University of Hong Kong		0	0%
5	Copenhagen Business School		0	0%
3	Corvinus University of Budapest		0	0%
37	Chulalongkorn University		2	100%
2	ESADE Business School		0	0%
40	ESCEM		0	0%
38	ESCP-EAP		0	0%
65	Fudan University		0	0%
13	HEC School of Management		0	0%
7	Hong Kong UNiversity of Science and Technology		0	0%
58	ICHEC Brussels		0	0%
63	IE School of Business		0	0%
15	Korea University Business School		0	0%
16	National University of Singapore		0	0%
18	National Taiwan University		0	0%
27	Peking University		0	0%
14	Rotterdam School of Management		0	0%
61	Seoul National University		0	0%
19	Singapore Management University		0	0%
1	Thammasat University		0	0%
57	Universidade de Nova de Lisbon		0	0%
64	Universiidad de Carlos Madrid III		0	0%
11	Universita Commerciale Luigi Bocconi		0	0%
62	University of Hong Kong		0	0%
9	University of Manchester, Manchester Business School		0	0%
10	University of Melbourne		0	0%
12	University of Navarra		0	0%
17	University of St. Gallen		0	0%
59	Vienna University of Economics and Business		0	0%
8	WHU Otto Beisheim School of Management		0	0%
	Total		2	

Statistic	Value
Min Value	37
Max Value	37
Mean	37.00
Variance	0.00
Standard Deviation	0.00
Total Responses	2

4. What is your academic status this semester?

#	Answer	Bar	Response	%
1	Sophomore		0	0%
2	Junior		1	50%
3	Senior		1	50%
	Total		2	

Statistic	Value
Min Value	2
Max Value	3
Mean	2.50
Variance	0.50
Standard Deviation	0.71
Total Responses	2

5. What is your expected date of graduation from USC (Semester and year, eg Fall 2009)?

Text Response
Spring 13
Spring 2013

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	2

6. What is your major?

Text Response
BUAD
Business Administration

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	2

7. What is your concentration (Business majors only)?

Text Response
IB I think
International Business

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	2

8. Please indicate the term in which you were abroad (semester and year, eg Fall 2009).

Text Response
spring 12
Spring 20 12

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	2



9. I. GENERAL PROGRAM EVALUATION Please rate the following items:

#	Question	Very dissatisfied	Somewhat dissatisfied	Neutral	Mostly satisfied	Very satisfied	Total Responses	Mean
1	1. Your overall satisfaction with the program.	0	0	0	0	2	2	5.00

Statistic	1. Your overall satisfaction with the program.
Min Value	5
Max Value	5
Mean	5.00
Variance	0.00
Standard Deviation	0.00
Total Responses	2

10.

#	Question	Not at all so	Somewhat so	Neutral	Mostly so	Very much so	Total Responses	Mean
1	2. To what extent did the program meet your expectations?	0	0	0	1	1	2	4.50
2	3. To what extent was your participation in the program a valuable learning experience?	0	0	0	0	2	2	5.00

Statistic	2. To what extent did the program meet your expectations?	3. To what extent was your participation in the program a valuable learning experience?
Min Value	4	5
Max Value	5	5
Mean	4.50	5.00
Variance	0.50	0.00
Standard Deviation	0.71	0.00
Total Responses	2	2

11.

#	Question	Would not recommend at all	May recommend with reservations	Neutral	Would surely recommend	Would recommend most strongly	Total Responses	Mean
1	4. To what extent would you recommend this program to other USC students?	0	0	0	1	1	2	4.50

Statistic	4. To what extent would you recommend this program to other USC students?
Min Value	4
Max Value	5
Mean	4.50
Variance	0.50
Standard Deviation	0.71
Total Responses	2

12. II. ACADEMIC PROGRAM

#	Question	Not at all so	Somewhat so	Neutral	Mostly so	Very much so	Total Responses	Mean
1	5. To what extent were your courses intellectually challenging?	0	0	0	2	0	2	4.00
2	6. How comparable was the quality of instruction and academic demand of classes to that of USC?	0	1	0	1	0	2	3.00

Statistic	5. To what extent were your courses intellectually challenging?	6. How comparable was the quality of instruction and academic demand of classes to that of USC?
Min Value	4	2
Max Value	4	4
Mean	4.00	3.00
Variance	0.00	2.00
Standard Deviation	0.00	1.41
Total Responses	2	2

13.

#	Question	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total Responses	Mean
1	7. The grading system used in the courses was explained.	0	0	1	1	0	2	3.50
2	8. I was able to register for all the classes that I wanted.	0	0	0	1	1	2	4.50

Statistic	7. The grading system used in the courses was explained.	8. I was able to register for all the classes that I wanted.
Min Value	3	4
Max Value	4	5
Mean	3.50	4.50
Variance	0.50	0.50
Standard Deviation	0.71	0.71
Total Responses	2	2

14.

#	Question	Not at all so	Somewhat so	Neutral	Mostly so	Very much so	Total Responses	Mean
1	9. To what extent were you prepared for the coursework?	0	0	0	2	0	2	4.00
2	10. To what extent do you feel you were immersed in the culture of the host country?	0	0	0	0	2	2	5.00
3	11. To what extent did you gain a better appreciation of the host culture's perspectives?	0	0	0	1	1	2	4.50

Statistic	9. To what extent were you prepared for the coursework?	10. To what extent do you feel you were immersed in the culture of the host country?	11. To what extent did you gain a better appreciation of the host culture's perspectives?
Min Value	4	5	4
Max Value	4	5	5
Mean	4.00	5.00	4.50
Variance	0.00	0.00	0.50
Standard Deviation	0.00	0.00	0.71
Total Responses	2	2	2

15.

#	Question	Very dissatisfied	Somewhat dissatisfied	Neutral	Mostly satisfied	Very Satisfied	Total Responses	Mean
1	12. Please rate your overall satisfaction with the content of the courses you took.	0	0	0	2	0	2	4.00
2	13. Please rate your overall satisfaction with the quality of instruction.	0	0	1	1	0	2	3.50

Statistic	12. Please rate your overall satisfaction with the content of the courses you took.	13. Please rate your overall satisfaction with the quality of instruction.
Min Value	4	3
Max Value	4	4
Mean	4.00	3.50
Variance	0.00	0.50
Standard Deviation	0.00	0.71
Total Responses	2	2

16.

#	Question	Very low	Somewhat low	Average	Higher than average	Very high	Total Responses	Mean
1	14. Please rate the overall level of faculty interest in students.	0	0	1	0	1	2	4.00

Statistic	14. Please rate the overall level of faculty interest in students.
Min Value	3
Max Value	5
Mean	4.00
Variance	2.00
Standard Deviation	1.41
Total Responses	2



17.

#	Question	Very dissatisfied	Somewhat dissatisfied	Neutral	Mostly satisfied	Very satisfied	Total Responses	Mean
1	15. Please rate your overall satisfaction with the academic program.	0	0	0	2	0	2	4.00

Statistic	15. Please rate your overall satisfaction with the academic program.
Min Value	4
Max Value	4
Mean	4.00
Variance	0.00
Standard Deviation	0.00
Total Responses	2

**18.** III. LANGUAGE PREPARATION If you did not take a foreign language class this semester, please choose "Not applicable" for each question.

#	Question	Not applicable	Poor	Needs improvement	Fair	Good	Excellent	Total Responses	Mean
1	16. How were your language skills before the program?	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	1.50
2	17. How were your language skills after the program?	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	2.50
3	18. Your living situation aided your language acquisition.	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	1.50

Statistic	16. How were your language skills before the program?	17. How were your language skills after the program?	18. Your living situation aided your language acquisition.
Min Value	1	1	1
Max Value	2	4	2
Mean	1.50	2.50	1.50
Variance	0.50	4.50	0.50
Standard Deviation	0.71	2.12	0.71
Total Responses	2	2	2

19.

#	Question	Very dissatisfied	Somewhat dissatisfied	Neutral	Mostly satisfied	Very satisfied	Total Responses	Mean
1	19. If you studied a foreign language on the program, please rate your overall level of satisfaction with the language education component of the program.	0	0	2	0	0	2	3.00

Statistic	19. If you studied a foreign language on the program, please rate your overall level of satisfaction with the language education component of the program.
Min Value	3
Max Value	3
Mean	3.00
Variance	0.00
Standard Deviation	0.00
Total Responses	2

20. IV. SUPPORT SERVICES Please rate your level of satisfaction with the following categories:

#	Question	Very dissatisfied	Somewhat dissatisfied	Neutral	Mostly satisfied	Very satisfied	Total Responses	Mean
1	20. On-site academic advising	0	0	1	1	0	2	3.50
2	21. On-site orientation	0	0	1	1	0	2	3.50
3	22. On-site academic facilities (e.g. classrooms, libraries, computer labs), excluding housing.	0	0	0	2	0	2	4.00
4	23. Communication with the USC Marshall office in Los Angeles	0	0	1	0	1	2	4.00
5	24. Overall impression of on-site support services	0	0	0	2	0	2	4.00

Statistic	20. On-site academic advising	21. On-site orientation	22. On-site academic facilities (e.g. classrooms, libraries, computer labs), excluding housing.	23. Communication with the USC Marshall office in Los Angeles	24. Overall impression of on-site support services
Min Value	3	3	4	3	4
Max Value	4	4	4	5	4
Mean	3.50	3.50	4.00	4.00	4.00
Variance	0.50	0.50	0.00	2.00	0.00
Standard Deviation	0.71	0.71	0.00	1.41	0.00
Total Responses	2	2	2	2	2

21. V. HOUSING Please rate your level of satisfaction with the following categories:

#	Question	Very dissatisfied	Somewhat dissatisfied	Neutral	Mostly satisfied	Very satisfied	Total Responses	Mean
1	25. Housing coordination	0	0	0	0	2	2	5.00
2	26. Location of student housing	0	0	0	1	1	2	4.50
3	27. Quality of housing arrangements	0	0	0	0	2	2	5.00

Statistic	25. Housing coordination	26. Location of student housing	27. Quality of housing arrangements
Min Value	5	4	5
Max Value	5	5	5
Mean	5.00	4.50	5.00
Variance	0.00	0.50	0.00
Standard Deviation	0.00	0.71	0.00
Total Responses	2	2	2

22. VI. OPEN ENDED QUESTIONS 31. Why did you choose this program?

**Text Response**

I chose this program because I did not get my top European choices! But I ended up having a choice between a few European and Asian destinations (because of a mistake during my application) and chose Bangkok because I wanted to step as far out of my comfort zone as possible. I think I was scared to put it as my top choice at first, but eventually realized it was a once in a lifetime opportunity--whereas I did not feel the same way about the prospects of living in Europe.

I wanted to choose a program that was very different from the Western culture that I'm used to. I also have an interest in learning about Southeast Asian culture, Buddhism and meditation to get a sense of what it's like.

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	2

23. 32. Please compare these aspects of your program with study at USC.

#	Question	Equivalent	USC/Abroad Better	USC/in L.A. Better	Total Responses	Mean
1	1) Quality of instruction	1	0	1	2	2.00
2	2) Content of courses	1	0	1	2	2.00
3	3) Intellectual challenge of courses	0	0	2	2	3.00
4	4) Faculty interest in/support of students	0	1	1	2	2.50
5	5) Individual assistance provided	0	1	1	2	2.50

Statistic	1) Quality of instruction	2) Content of courses	3) Intellectual challenge of courses	4) Faculty interest in/support of students	5) Individual assistance provided
Min Value	1	1	3	2	2
Max Value	3	3	3	3	3
Mean	2.00	2.00	3.00	2.50	2.50
Variance	2.00	2.00	0.00	0.50	0.50
Standard Deviation	1.41	1.41	0.00	0.71	0.71
Total Responses	2	2	2	2	2

24. 33. How much study time per week do you recommend in order to keep up with classes?

**Text Response**

0

Make sure you pay attention in class and you don't need to study until a few days before the midterm. If you want good grades I recommend several hours per class and even more for the calculations based classes.

**Statistic**

**Value**

Total Responses

2



25. 34. How, if at all, does the structure of the courses differ from those at USC? Did you like or dislike these differences?

**Text Response**

Well the classes are three hours which really sucks. Impossible to pay attention for that long. So I actually disliked that aspect, but of course having class once a week opens up potential travel plans.

Each class met once per week and was three hours long with a 30 minute break. (I think it's supposed to be 15 minutes but usually ended up being at least 30). I liked it because you went to class once and got it over with for the rest of the week and that freed up a lot of your time to do whatever you want. Three hours might seem like a long time but with the 30 minute break it's really not bad at all.

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	2

26. 35. Are there courses or professors that you would particular recommend? Please explain:

Text Response
Human Resources with Fuchs is pretty good. He is really blunt, honest, and seems to thoroughly enjoy what he does.
Yes. Human Resource Management taught by Daniel Fuchs. His class is basically him talking about his life which is really interesting.

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	2

27. 36. Are there courses or professors that you would advise against taking?  
Please explain:

**Text Response**

Financial Statement Analysis. It's extremely difficult. It requires a knowledge of international accounting that US students do not have, and the teacher was mean to put it simply. He would constantly berate the Thai students for their supposed poor English. Just not a good environment.

I thought Logic and Philosophy would be interesting but it was actually pretty dry and everyone got pretty bad grades. My friend did the best out of all the exchange students in the class on the midterm and still ended up with a B-. So there's basically no curve.

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	2

28. 37. Has participation in this program influenced your academic or career goals? How?

**Text Response**

Yes, it has led me to consider living and working in Asia--specifically Bangkok.

My Money Markets and Capital Markets class definitely spurred my interest in general finance. Not sure how it will affect my goals long term though. I made some amazing friends outside of school through breakdancing.

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	2

29. Please tell us about your experience with the foreign language of your host country: 38. Besides English, what is (are) the language(s) most prominently spoken on the campus of the university where you studied?

Text Response
Thai
Thai

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	2

30. 39. Did you speak the host language, or receive any language training in the host language prior to, or during your semester abroad? If yes, please explain:

Text Response
No, there were three intro to Thai courses offered but I had conflicting classes that prevented me from taking them.
No training prior. The Thai students hosted a beginner level Thai Language workshop that was really fun and taught us all how to count and say basic phrases.

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	2

31. Then rate:

#	Question	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Total Responses	Mean
1	1) Your language skills before the program:	0	0	0	2	2	4.00
2	2) Language training on the program:	0	0	1	1	2	3.50
3	3) Your proficiency after the program:	0	0	1	1	2	3.50

Statistic	1) Your language skills before the program:	2) Language training on the program:	3) Your proficiency after the program:
Min Value	4	3	3
Max Value	4	4	4
Mean	4.00	3.50	3.50
Variance	0.00	0.50	0.50
Standard Deviation	0.00	0.71	0.71
Total Responses	2	2	2

32. 40. Did cultural/social activities sponsored by the program assist you in language acquisition?

Text Response
No
Not really. Just that one workshop.

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	2



33. 41. Did outside/other activities help? Please explain.

**Text Response**

I did not really try to learn Thai, some other students did and were somewhat able to speak it.

Definitely. I was breakdancing with different groups of Thai locals, who all were able to teach me Thai. I also downloaded an App that had a bunch of Thai phrases on it and that taught me so much. You could click on the phrase and it would spell it out phonetically and a voice would pronounce it for you. It was quite amazing. I was able to have basic conversations by the end of the semester.

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	2

34. 42. What percentage of students on the campus of your host country (would you estimate) actively speak English?

**Text Response**

20-30 but everybody in the BBA program is more or less proficient. To be honest, they speak much better English than some of the exchange students USC hosts. Actively? Nobody speaks English to each other outside of class if that's what that means. But the majority of students were proficient to fluent, some just lacked the confidence.

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	2

35. 43. How would you recommend that students prepare for language differences abroad?

**Text Response**

Just learn to smile a lot and accept that things will not go your way. It seems a bit unreasonable to learn how to speak Thai before you go, I would not really worry about it. Not speaking a word of Thai just makes for part of the fun

No preparation really needed. Once you get there, try to become friends with a bunch of Thai locals if you want to learn the language. Or just ask any student to help you. They're all really willing to help and appreciate it if you take an interest in the language.

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	2





38. 44. Did you live in...

#	Answer	Bar	Response	%
1	Dorm		0	0%
2	Apartment		2	100%
3	Other		0	0%
	Total		2	

Statistic	Value
Min Value	2
Max Value	2
Mean	2.00
Variance	0.00
Standard Deviation	0.00
Total Responses	2

39. 45. If you used STA Travel for transportation arrangements, were you satisfied? Please explain.

Text Response
No I did not
I didn't use it

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	2

40. 46. Is there any aspect of the program that you would like to see changed or different? (VERY IMPORTANT!)

**Text Response**

Nope.

I think it would be incredible if the program adopted a host family option. Although it was amazing getting to know all of the other exchange students living in the same apartment/hotel together and I love my roommates, having the option to live with a host family would have provided such a dramatic element of cultural immersion that some people might truly appreciate. Obviously it requires a lot of logistics though.

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	2



41. 47. Additional comments on services and coordination.

Text Response
None
Nope

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	2

42. Please tell us about your travel experiences. 48. How did you find your arrangements to the host institution?

#	Answer	Bar	Response	%
1	Travel Agent		0	0%
2	Online		2	100%
3	Other:		0	0%
	Total		2	

Other:

Statistic	Value
Min Value	2
Max Value	2
Mean	2.00
Variance	0.00
Standard Deviation	0.00
Total Responses	2

43. Would you recommend this method?

Text Response
Sure, the internet is pretty good these days.
Yes

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	2

44. 49. What was the average cost for round-trip tickets to your host country?

**Text Response**

Probably around 1300, but I flew nonstop (huge mistake because 18 hour flights are not fun) and it was closer to 1800

I think it was around \$900

**Statistic**

**Value**

Total Responses

2

45. 50. How often did you travel and to where?

**Text Response**

I traveled 5 weekends and then took two weeks off of class to travel for two weeks straight. On my weekend excursions, I went to Koh Samui (a southern Thai island,) Bali, Borneo, (Note Bali and Borneo was with my parents and really is not financially feasible on a student budget,) Sri Lanka, and Hong Kong. With my two week adventure I went to Cambodia, Laos, and Vietnam. I also have taken two day trips via train and rental car to two World HEritage Sites not far from Bangkok.

I travelled four times. The first time was to Koh Pang Gan for the half moon party for my roommate's birthday. The second time was to Ayutthaya, which is a city in Thailand that has ancient ruins built in around 1100 AD. The third time was to Cambodia with my roommmate. I literally walked into his room one night and asked, "Hey. Wanna go to Cambodia tomorrow morning?" Within like twelve hours we were on a train and on our way to see Angkor Wat, a magnificent temple built in around 1000AD. The fourth time was after I finished my finals, and I went with my other roommate to Nepal. That was mindblowing. We spent several days trekking in the Himalayas, which was completely spellbinding at times. We spent the last day in Kathmandu, the capital city, in awe of its mystical atmosphere and wonderful people. It was an unforgettable experience.

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	2

46. 51. Did the structure of the host institution's course schedule foster travel opportunity or prevent it? Why?

**Text Response**

Somewhat. The class once a week allowed you to stack your schedule if you really wanted. I initially planned on taking class only two days a week but quickly realized the 9 hours a day I'd have to take was hell and was ruining my week as I dreaded the thoughts of that horrible day. Also, you are supposedly only allowed to miss 20 percent of classes (aka just two classes) or you cannot take the final exam. There is also no Spring Break or any holidays for that matter. Finally, teachers can make up class on any day they want to. Thus you may have had travel plans on Saturday for a month, and then find out your class on Wednesday that was cancelled because the teacher was on holiday would be made up on Saturday. Tough to avoid. A bit frustrating.

Foster. Classes only met once a week so you had a lot of time to travel, as long as you made sure most of your classes were on the same days. I had four-day school weeks, but most students had classes only three days of the week.

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	2

47. 52. Do you have any tips or information about traveling while abroad that you would like to share with upcoming exchange students preparing for their trip?

**Text Response**

Go to Bangkok because the travel possibilities are mind-blowing. Cambodia, Laos, Vietnam, and Burma are about an hour away. Hong Kong, Singapore, Kuala Lumpur, and Calcutta are about two hours away. Sri Lanka and Nepal are about three hours. Delhi and Mumbai are only 4-5. The destinations that can be easily visited are simply extraordinary and the diversity of lifestyles is simply mind blowing. Try going to Sri Lanka one weekend and Hong Kong the next--such wonderful extremes.

www.seat61.com is awesome for learning exactly how to get from place to place. It told us step-by-step on how to get to Cambodia. The book Lonely Planet is also great, including the forums on the website, which have a lot of answered questions. The books are kind of expensive, but you could probably get extremely cheap copies of the series while in Thailand, which are like exact replicas of the actual books.

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	2

**48.** 53. EXPENSES: How much spending money FOR THE ENTIRE SEMESTER would you recommend that the next participants budget for this program?

#	Answer	Min Value	Max Value	Average Value	Standard Deviation
1	General (including food, entertainment, local transportation)	1,000.00	2,000.00	1,500.00	707.11
2	Housing/rent	1,600.00	2,000.00	1,800.00	282.84
3	General travel during semester	700.00	4,000.00	2,350.00	2,333.45
4	Books & miscellaneous supplies	20.00	50.00	35.00	21.21
5	Other expenditures (please explain)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Other expenditures (please explain)



49. 54. Did you experience any form of crime, or were you in danger at any time (such as the victim or witness of assault, robbery, etc.)? If yes, please explain:

Text Response
No, Bangkok is the safest city that I have ever been in. Not once did I even feel threatened. Some students had belongings stolen during Songkran (an enormous festival) but nobody experienced any physical threats.
No. Bangkok is extremely safe. I never felt in danger, nor did anyone else I talked to.

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	2

50. 55. Before departure from USC, or upon immediate arrival to your host country, do you think you were adequately warned and/or prepared to deal with most incidents mentioned in the Health and Safety section of this evaluation?

Text Response
Yes
Yes.

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	2

51. 56. If you did not feel adequately prepared (response to question #55), what do you think you needed to know or hear in advance? How could you have been better informed and/or prepared?

Text Response	
Nothing.	

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	1

52. 57. Were you knowledgeable about your USC overseas insurance coverage policy?

Text Response
No
Somewhat. I had the packet which I could refer to whenever I needed. The opportunity never arose though, fortunately.

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	2

53. 58. Did you experience any negative treatment that you feel was related to your ethnicity, race, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, or religion? If yes, please explain:

Text Response
Not really. As a white man, tuk-tuk drivers often try to take me to sex shows. But so is Bangkok.
Nope.

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	2

54. 59. What was the best part of the program?

**Text Response**

Bangkok and the travel opportunities. The city is absolutely amazing. Extremely energetic. Amazingly contrasting. Street food can be had for a dollar (and I really mean this, about half of my meals have been under a dollar) outside a restaurant serving up 100 steaks. The people are beautiful and seem to still enjoy foreigners. The travel opportunities are incredible. For a few hundred dollars, I've had the blessing to go to some places (Sri Lanka, Nepal, Laos, Cambodia) that just months ago I could not even fathom I would visit.

The people. The food. The freedom. The adventure.

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	2

55. 60. What was the most difficult part?

**Text Response**

We had to wear a uniform--long sleeve shirt and pants-- in heats that constantly climbed over 90 degrees. What horror. Also people really do not speak English. In general, the local knowledge of English is comically bad. But in truth, that adds to the experience--and forces you to make Thai-speaking friends.

The heat and humidity got kind of bad.

**Statistic**

**Value**

Total Responses

2

56. 61. Describe a situation that you experienced as a result of culture shock or cultural misunderstanding. How did you resolve it?

**Text Response**

There is some poverty that is way worse than anything you see on a regular basis in the States or in Europe. Really no way to deal with it. Values are different--much of Thailand is quite corrupt and money and status are more valued here than in the US. Again, you just kind of accept it. Aside from that, no real culture shock.

Students are late to class all the time, especially the Thai students. They also chat a lot during class, especially in larger classes. This came to a shock to me at first, but it's just part of their culture. The university almost seemed like a high school.

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	2



57. 62. Describe something that you are proud of having accomplished during your stay.

Text Response	
I really understood that the US way is not always the best way.	
I am proud of the friends I made. I made a conscious effort to hang out with not just exchange students but with Thai Locals as well on an almost daily basis. I achieved this through breakdancing with multiple groups of people who I found and practicing with them. Thai people are extremely respectful and seem to be inherently happy as a result of their culture, and it's incredible to have such amazing people as friends. I also became great friends with a Taiwanese locker (a type of dancer) and was able to practice speaking Chinese, while he practiced speaking English, and we both practiced our Thai with our Thai friends. That brings me to my next accomplishment, which was my language ability at the end. I was significantly better than most other exchange students at speaking Thai as a result of my interactions and desire to get better at the language. Although it was really fun going out with the other exchange students sometimes, I was able to focus on Thailand and not Expatland. I'm also proud to say that I became extremely proficient writing with my left hand, which made class much more entertaining.	
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58. 63. What do you wish you had known about before leaving?

**Text Response**

How amazing your relationships will be with your fellow exchange students--I unfortunately missed the memo until the latter part of the semester. As a relatively shy person, I did not start meeting people until quite late (other than my roommates and a few others) and I regret that because I am now having a fantastic time hanging out with them.

I wish I knew that the power outlets have a different voltage than the ones in the US. I plugged a power strip into the wall and it actually had an electricity explosion. You could see a orange glowing ball blow up in a split second and it was super loud. I also destroyed my speakers. So make sure that the voltage of your electronics is compatible with the voltage in the walls in your apartment or else you'll be sad. Fortunately my laptop charger's voltage had a voltage range wide enough to include the voltage level of Thailand's outlets.

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59. 64. Do you have any travel tips to share?

Text Response
Book your flights in advance--not the week before.
Lonely Planet. <a href="http://www.lonelyplanet.com">www.lonelyplanet.com</a>

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60. 65. What would you like to say to the students going after you?

**Text Response**

Eat well, travel often, make friends that will last a lifetime. And go to Bangkok because it is absolutely crazy and will show you just what it feels like to be impossibly alive. Whatever you're looking for in Thailand, you'll probably find.

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Total Responses

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61. 66. Any final thoughts...

Text Response
Bangkok, stay crazy.
Oh man what an adventure.

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