

PAID 450 Islam in Eur

Jterm2020 Course Eval

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Q4 - The course I took was

#	Field	Choice Count
11	Paideia 450: Islam in Europe: Politics, Religion, and Refugees	9

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#	Field	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
1	The course I took was	11.00	11.00	11.00	0.00	0.00	9

Q32 - Please indicate your level of agreement with the following statements pertaining to the portion of the program Prior to Departure

#	Field	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total
1	The application process was straightforward and clear.	0	0	0	3	6	9
2	I received sufficient information from the Center for Global Learning to navigate the process from acceptance to my actual departure.	0	0	0	3	6	9
3	The Center for Global Learning pre-departure orientation (the large group session in Valders 206) prepared me for my off-campus course (leave blank if you participated in a domestic program).	0	0	1	2	6	9
4	The pre-departure session(s) conducted by my program leader(s) prepared me for my off-campus course.	0	0	1	2	6	9

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#	Field	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
1	The application process was straightforward and clear.	4.00	5.00	4.67	0.47	0.22	9
2	I received sufficient information from the Center for Global Learning to navigate the process from acceptance to my actual departure.	4.00	5.00	4.67	0.47	0.22	9
3	The Center for Global Learning pre-departure orientation (the large group session in Valders 206) prepared me for my off-campus course (leave blank if you participated in a domestic program).	3.00	5.00	4.56	0.68	0.47	9
4	The pre-departure session(s) conducted by my program leader(s) prepared me for my off-campus course.	3.00	5.00	4.56	0.68	0.47	9

Q37 - Please reflect on the pre-departure preparations. Are there topics that were not covered in your pre-departure preparations that you would have liked the CGL staff/program leaders to cover?

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I think we were prepared in the sense of the program topic, but I would have liked to do some get to know you things before hand. We embarked on an international trip with 24 people who we were going to live with for an entire month but had no idea what their names were.

Other than certain restaurant etiquette, everything was well covered.

All topics were covered

None

No

No

Q38 - With respect to packing, what do you wish you had brought with you? What do you wish you had left behind?

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I wish I had brought better walking shoes.

I thought I packed very well for the trip.

I thought that I was adequately prepared for the course and didn't feel as if anything was holding me back nor was I missing anything important.

i had everything i needed.

I am an EXTREMELY prepared person so there's nothing I wish I would have brought. I probably could have done with fewer clothes.

I wish I had brought more nice clothes/business attire. We visited many places where we were expected to dress up and were only told to bring 1 nice outfit.

I packed pretty well

Q39 - Please indicate your level of agreement with the following statements pertaining to the Off-Campus Program

#	Field	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total
1	There was a strong connection between the course content and the program location(s).	0	0	0	1	8	9
2	The amount of time allocated to structured "class time," group experiential learning, and free time was balanced.	0	2	1	3	3	9

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1	There was a strong connection between the course content and the program location(s).	4.00	5.00	4.89	0.31	0.10	9
2	The amount of time allocated to structured "class time," group experiential learning, and free time was balanced.	2.00	5.00	3.78	1.13	1.28	9

Q40 - Please provide further comment on your answers above, as desired.

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I know that I went on this trip as part of a class and there obviously has to be class time, but I would have liked to have more free time. It was hard because we would have very awkward amounts of time in between class activities where we couldn't really do anything. Again, I know it is hard for scheduling because we are working with other people, but I felt that there was a lot of wasted time.

I feel that we got a great snapshot of many of the perspectives across Europe through the three locations we traveled to. The cultural differences were very noticeable and enriching to the course. The balance of free time and class time was really good, but a little weighted towards the back end of the trip. If there was more free time in Berlin and Paris, and maybe a little less in London, I would have enjoyed my time better overall.

N/A

I think there was way too much "class time". Most of the time, we were having class for 6 hours a day and this does not include writing journals and the readings we were expected to do. There was not enough free time.

We were studying Islam in Europe--so being in Europe helped

Q41 - Tell about an experience that enhanced your understanding of yourself or changed you.

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The whole trip really was a growing experience for me in the sense that I had no one on the trip from my normal social circles, so I grew to be a bit more outgoing and able to talk to people.

My favorite experience was the MEND workshop that we attended at the very end of the trip in London. We got to discuss many different topics on the issue of Islamophobia and talked about ways we can go about changing the narrative and helping our Muslim friends.

When we talked with a refugee from Syria to Germany, it was really powerful to hear someone's personal experience and to understand exactly how they were feeling and what they were going through as they made the decisions they did. It touched on both the topics of the course but also a broader set of values of humanity in general that I found to be very moving.

N/A

Meeting with a far-right political group that was extremely anti-immigration and anti-Muslim was super interesting--a lot of the time, especially at Luther, your views are shared by a lot of the people around you. Here, we were meeting with a group that was almost entirely opposed to the values that I hold regarding Muslims. It was interesting (and unnerving) to meet with a group like that

Q42 - Tell about an experience that enhanced your understanding of the location(s) where you studied.

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On one class trip we took a tour of an impoverished neighborhood within Paris. It was really eye opening to see the places where issues of inequality, that often are associated with race or racialized religion, take place within a city that has certain areas groomed for tourists to see and be ignorant of the problems.

I think the immigrant neighborhood tour in Paris helped me understand more how immigrants in that city feel and live on a daily basis.

Going to the US Embassy in Paris was particularly interesting because it was an interesting cross-section of US and French history and said a lot about the US's relationship with France and how that relationship has shifted throughout the centuries.

N/A

Taling with MEND

We went for a tour of one of the neighborhoods in France that is primarily inhabited by second or third generation immigrants from Northern Africa and was an alleged "no-go zone", while in reality the neighborhood was not especially different from many others that we had seen throughout the trip

Q43 - Which program field trips, excursions, museum visits, etc. did you find particularly enriching.

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In general the visits to various U.S. embassies were the most enriching because we were able to have conversations with observers who had been in the region for quite some time and were not directly involved in any one group or ideology.

I like the exhibit at the British Museum.

The events that I found most enriching were speaking with the AfD, going to both US Embassies in Berlin and Paris, talking with Parliament members in London, speaking with a German integration class teacher and student refugee, going to a 'no-go' zone in Paris, and talking with the Muslim Council of Britain and CAGE.

N/A

Speaking with the AfD, talking with immigrants and Muslims themselves, taking with members of parliament

The trips to the Embassies in Berlin and Paris, as well as the MEND workshop were the most engaging, interesting, and relevant to the course for me

Q45 - Please indicate your level of agreement with the following statements pertaining to

Accommodations/Transportation/Food

#	Field	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total
1	I was satisfied with the accommodations.	0	0	0	6	3	9
2	I was satisfied with the classroom/meeting spaces.	0	0	1	6	2	9
3	I was satisfied with the ground transportation arrangements.	0	0	0	5	4	9
4	I was satisfied with the air transportation arrangements.	0	0	0	3	6	9
5	I was satisfied with the number of group meals.	0	1	1	5	2	9
	I was satisfied with the quality of group meals.	0	0	0	5	4	9

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1	I was satisfied with the accommodations.	4.00	5.00	4.33	0.47	0.22	9
2	I was satisfied with the classroom/meeting spaces.	3.00	5.00	4.11	0.57	0.32	9
3	I was satisfied with the ground transportation arrangements.	4.00	5.00	4.44	0.50	0.25	9
4	I was satisfied with the air transportation arrangements.	4.00	5.00	4.67	0.47	0.22	9
5	I was satisfied with the number of group meals.	2.00	5.00	3.89	0.87	0.77	9
6	I was satisfied with the quality of group meals.	4.00	5.00	4.44	0.50	0.25	9

Q46 - Please comment on aspects related to accommodations, transportation, and food.

Your insights will help us improve future programs.

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Our hostels were tiny, but very clean and modern. Also I have no idea how much I spent on food so the answer below might be very misleading.

All accommodations were much better than I expected, and transportation was well executed. It would have been nice to have had an actual group meal in all three cities to ensure that we would be able to experience the food of each in a little more guided manner.

More group meals would have been nice to spend more time together as a group and get to know each other. The hostels we stayed in were fine overall, although the wifi at our hostel in Paris (FIAP Jean Monnet) was TERRIBLE, which was hard since we needed to use our computers/the internet to complete the course.

Meininger was really good, but 12 guys in one room is a lot Food was solid overall if you were willing to look around a little

Q44 - How much did you personally spend on food while at the program location(s).

#	Field	Choice Count
1	<\$100	0
2	\$101-\$200	2
3	\$201-\$300	0
4	\$301-\$400	2
5	\$401-\$500	3
6	\$501-\$600	1
7	>\$601	1
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#	Field	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
1	Total Spent	2.00	7.00	4.44	1.57	2.47	9

Q59 - What few words or phrases would you use to describe the experience to others?

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One of the classes where I really felt like the hard work was worth it.

Eye-opening, frustrating, intellectually and ethically challenging

Diverse, multi-faceted, historical, important, and culturally valuable.

N/A

Amazing, eye-opening, I would recommend it

Engaging, relevant, informative, challenging

Q58 - Would you recommend this program to others? Why or why not?

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I would very much recommend this program to others, studying abroad is such a great experience that allows you to look at an issue, that probably exists at home, with a new enough perspective that you're able to see how multifaceted it is.

While I think there need to be some tweaks and improvements made to the course, overall I enjoyed the trip and would recommend to another student.

I definitely would. The program is one of the most established and most important that I think Luther puts on, and I think that it is the perfect combination of cultural diversity and ethical engagement that Luther strives for with the PAID 450 program and its abroad programs.

N/A

Yes, it was an amazing experience to be immersed in the culture and speak with so many people and hear different views and see beautiful sites.

Yes--a solid understanding of both Islam and Islamophobia is extremely necessary in the political climate we live in right now. I thought I had a decent grasp of a lot of the concepts going into the course, but the meetings and discussions really helped solidify my understanding.

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