

BIO 249

Jterm2020 Course Eval

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Q4 - The course I took was

#	Field	Choice Count
8	Biology 249: Winter Biology or Environmental Studies 249: The Winter Environment	8

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#	Field	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
1	The course I took was	8.00	8.00	8.00	0.00	0.00	8

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	1	3	4	8
2	I received sufficient information from the Center for Global Learning to navigate the process from acceptance to my actual departure.	0	0	1	3	4	8
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	3	1	5
4	The pre-departure session(s) conducted by my program leader(s) prepared me for my off-campus course.	0	0	0	4	4	8

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#	Field	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
1	The application process was straightforward and clear.	3.00	5.00	4.38	0.70	0.48	8
2	I received sufficient information from the Center for Global Learning to navigate the process from acceptance to my actual departure.	3.00	5.00	4.38	0.70	0.48	8
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	4.00	0.63	0.40	5
4	The pre-departure session(s) conducted by my program leader(s) prepared me for my off-campus course.	4.00	5.00	4.50	0.50	0.25	8

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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The leaders of the trip to Camp Menogyn could have told us more on what to bring as the list was unspecific to many things.

My pre-departure preparations were sufficient, and I felt prepared.

No

Everything covered was easy to understand. There are no topics that come to mind that were not stated clearly.

I knew what I needed for clothes and materials, hut not for winter camping, as we did not get heated tents. I felt that we could've been better prepared.

Our pre-departure preparations were adequate and informative.

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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As looked down upon as it is, I do wish I had brought another electronic or entertainment device. There was little free time, but still enough to spend time with and play with other students. And in leisure moments i found little to do besides sit around bored and wait.

I was very content with what I had brought. I had all the essentials, but nothing I would have left behind.

I wish I would have brought a baclava, and left my travel pillow at home.

I believe that our packing list was very helpful and everything listed was needed. I think that hand warmers should be added to the official list.

I wish I brought a wool blanket and more wool socks. I could have left my shoes and second bathing suit at home.

I felt I brought everything with me on the trip that I needed to enjoy and stay prepared on the trip.

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	3	5	8
2	The amount of time allocated to structured "class time," group experiential learning, and free time was balanced.	1	1	1	3	2	8

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1	There was a strong connection between the course content and the program location(s).	4.00	5.00	4.63	0.48	0.23	8
2	The amount of time allocated to structured "class time," group experiential learning, and free time was balanced.	1.00	5.00	3.50	1.32	1.75	8

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

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The professors needed to be more hands off with students and needed better structure with use of time, lectures at night before bed are not smart. Neither is the addition of winter camping while the professors stay behind with their families and ski.

There was a time crunch early on in the class, but as the days went on, more time was available for various optional activities.

I think that there were definitely times for structured "class time" along with free time. However, I believe it could have had a more even balance. We rarely had solid blocks of free time. I think that afternoon or mid morning classes are the best. Evening classes are harder for focusing.

We got no breaks for free time unless we were sick or found something to do, as we couldn't rest. We had to do something every second of the day.

I felt the environment in which the course was taught was ideal for what concepts the course covered. I felt there was an appropriate balance between learning and down time. The course instructors adjusted the course schedule accordingly when they felt we were possibly being overworked.

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

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Going without electronics for almost three weeks, and I don't care about my social media, I care about being in contact with those close to me, which I missed. My fellow students were helpful at time but I miss what I love, the love I get from closer friends.

Winter camping was a novel and difficult experience, but showed me I could persist and thrive in extreme conditions.

I think I learned a lot about the strength of my mind and body. There were many days where we had to hike for long distances to get where we wanted to go, and because it was winter, there was an added element of trudging through deep snow. However, there was a day when I decided to take a six mile hike, and I had doubted my ability to do this, but I was able to. This showed me just how strong and persevering I am as a person, and it definitely spiked up my self confidence.

I think that an experience that changed me was the 6 hour hike in snowshoes. I learned about my endurance and appreciated how my group members motivated me.

An experience that changed me was winter camping because I became stronger as a person due to all the difficulties the camping provided, such as using tarps and not tents. I feel that I can survive colder temperatures better than before.

We went winter camping with three of the Camp Menogyn counselors. Prior to leaving for this trip, I felt as though I was very good about handling cold weather and about not complaining generally. During our winter camping trip, I found that I was not as good about handling the cold as I thought. I was not as active in setting up our tent and other camp amenities as I predicted I would be because I was struggling to stay warm. This was a humbling experience that help me to more accurately approximate my limits.

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

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Winter camping, as much as I didn't like it I did get to explore a lot of the area and see potential sights for animals

We used snowshoes to get just about everywhere we went, including getting to our camp. It helped me grasp what it must have taken to survive in that location in years past, and how special it is to be untouched by machines.

We went winter camping during our trip, and we stayed on one of the lakes close to the Boundary Waters. It was cold, like really cold, and it was hard to just be outside for 48 hours straight. However, while it was cold, it was still really beautiful, and we went on a hike, and it had just snowed. This made the hike undeniably beautiful. I feel this experience caused me to see the Boundary Waters as a cold place, but it also allowed me to see the beauty in the cold.

I enjoyed studying the tree species and observing the winter environment in northern Minnesota.

When I went dog sledding, I realized the beauty of the place, as not just a work area, but a place to let loose your stress and have a good time.

We did a tree ecology lab in our second week of the trip. In this lab, I learned how the lack of fire in the last 200 years in the area we did our lab had influenced the composition of the landscape. I learned how the lack of fire translated to a change in the tree composition of the landscape.

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

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The trip to Grand Marias which was the best part in my opinion, just spending a day in society after grueling through snow and heavy work loads.

I loved every activity we did. One experience that I especially loved was the carving class. It was interesting to see how the artists in the area use nature and trees as their muse, and it was awesome to see them share it with us.

I thought that the hikes, visit to Grand Marais, and outdoor activities were quite interesting.

Dog-sledding and star-gazing.

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	4	4	8
2	I was satisfied with the classroom/meeting spaces.	1	0	0	2	5	8
3	I was satisfied with the ground transportation arrangements.	0	0	0	5	3	8
4	I was satisfied with the air transportation arrangements.	0	0	3	2	1	6
5	I was satisfied with the number of group meals.	0	0	1	2	5	8
	I was satisfied with the quality of group meals.	0	0	1	3	4	8

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1	I was satisfied with the accommodations.	4.00	5.00	4.50	0.50	0.25	8
2	I was satisfied with the classroom/meeting spaces.	1.00	5.00	4.25	1.30	1.69	8
3	I was satisfied with the ground transportation arrangements.	4.00	5.00	4.38	0.48	0.23	8
4	I was satisfied with the air transportation arrangements.	3.00	5.00	3.67	0.75	0.56	6
5	I was satisfied with the number of group meals.	3.00	5.00	4.50	0.71	0.50	8
6	I was satisfied with the quality of group meals.	3.00	5.00	4.38	0.70	0.48	8

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

Your insights will help us improve future programs.

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The space we live and sleep in is not a good place to make a lecture spot

I absolutely loved Camp Menogyn. Their meals were really good, and the areas we were able to use were also really nice.

I thought that the accommodations, transportation, and food were good. I was not unsatisfied with my care.

Less beans in the food. For vegetarian options, they don't live off of beans, so more variety would be great. And a better balance of meat and non meat options so everyone can enjoy.

The accommodations provided by Camp Menogyn were adequate. We got good food, a clean bathroom, and reasonable beds and mattresses to sleep on. Our cabins had four appropriately sized rooms and an appropriately sized common room in the middle.

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

#	Field	Choice Count
1	<\$100	7
2	\$101-\$200	1
3	\$201-\$300	0
4	\$301-\$400	0
5	\$401-\$500	0
6	\$501-\$600	0
7	>\$601	0
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#	Field	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
1	Total Spent	1.00	2.00	1.13	0.33	0.11	8

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

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It was cold, I missed my friends but made good relations, and the professors didn't back off.

Tranquil, quiet, peaceful, self-centering

Beautiful, Active, Strengthening, Comfortable, A little Chilly, Minimalistic, and Woodsy.

I would describe this trip as adventurous, challenging, and "worth every minute".

Life changing, and interesting.

This was a humbling, yet intellectually enriching, and beautiful experience.

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

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No, not unless you're enthusiastic about getting cold, having no electronics, and truly want to pursue Biology

Yes. The trip allowed us to view winter in a much more positive light. So many people dread and hate the cold and snow, but the trip provided opportunities to enjoy and appreciate the special environment the winter creates.

YES

Yes, it was one of my favorite experiences. We had the opportunity to go on hikes all of the time. The environment was absolutely beautiful. I felt like I was constantly in a Christmas movie, and I loved it. It was also really awesome to be able to disconnect from technology for a while.

I would recommend this program to others. It was very enriching. I would go back to Camp Menogyn someday because their staff, set up, and programs were amazing. Overall amazing people were a key factor in the enjoyment of this trip.

I honestly would because despite the rough patches, the staff is wonderful and you learn a lot from the experience. Plus it's gorgeous and technology free, so you get to connect to people and the land. The hikes are pretty and the late night, music sessions are super fun.

I would recommend this program to others because it gave me a greater appreciation for winter. I now can appreciate how animals experience winter and what hardships they face. I understand more how human impact has affected these plants and animals by altering the cycle of winter.

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