

COMS 239

Jterm2020 Course Eval

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Q4 - The course I took was

#	Field	Choice Count
2	Communication Studies 239: Environmental Communication in Belize	7

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#	Field	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
1	The course I took was	2.00	2.00	2.00	0.00	0.00	7

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	1	5	7
2	I received sufficient information from the Center for Global Learning to navigate the process from acceptance to my actual departure.	0	0	1	2	4	7
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	1	1	1	4	7
4	The pre-departure session(s) conducted by my program leader(s) prepared me for my off-campus course.	0	0	0	3	4	7

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1	The application process was straightforward and clear.	3.00	5.00	4.57	0.73	0.53	7
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	4.43	0.73	0.53	7
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).	2.00	5.00	4.14	1.12	1.27	7
4	The pre-departure session(s) conducted by my program leader(s) prepared me for my off-campus course.	4.00	5.00	4.57	0.49	0.24	7

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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It was interesting to talk about certain topics before leaving.

The predepartuer prep was great, There was nothing i felt unprepared for.

I was not quite clear what my trip actually was after the meetings with my program. I felt like other trips knew exactly what was going to be happening on their trip and we just sort of knew we were going until like the last week of November.

I though that the pre-departure session was good. It was in depth enough to make sure we knew what was going on and what the expectations and experiences would be like, but not too intense as to lose people in the middle.

i thought everything was covered fairly well

The group meeting was more informal s and not very helpful. The pre departure meetings with our leaders and instructors was very helpful in knowing what to expect and what to bring

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 more attire for the weather in inland Belize.

I felt like i packed well and there was nothing i would have changed about packing in regards to what i brought.

I did not need as many pairs of socks as I brought.

I forgot bug spray, which was rough... I also think that if the class had been a little bit more specific about random stuff to bring (head lamps, bug spray, rain coat ect.) then there might have been a little more preparedness overall, but I didn't really miss those things too much. I do wish I would have maybe brought a little bit less overall. When traveling like this, the lighter the better.

i wish i had brought more clothes with me

I would have liked to have a more comprehensive packing list based on our activities inland in Belize. Such as boots, rain gear, outdoor gear and what not. We were all pretty ill prepared

I wish I had remembered to pack pajamas.

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	2	5	7
2	The amount of time allocated to structured "class time," group experiential learning, and free time was balanced.	0	0	0	2	5	7

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1	There was a strong connection between the course content and the program location(s).	4.00	5.00	4.71	0.45	0.20	7
2	The amount of time allocated to structured "class time," group experiential learning, and free time was balanced.	4.00	5.00	4.71	0.45	0.20	7

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

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I do wish we had even more time to do the adventure activities. Though the free time was nice I would have rather went canoeing again or gone for a hike etc.

I think that Belize was the perfect place to look at different types of tourism. Central Belize showed a more hard tourism side and San Pedro showed a more polished side of it. We also got a lot of time to do our own thing and reflect, but were able to a part of the group and discuss everything whenever we wanted to. Because this class was so structured based on what we were doing, we got to spend a lot of time together as a class, but were able to separate when needed, which was very nice.

N/A

Had enough time both in class and out to get to understand the lesson we had just learned about

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

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It changed my mindset on life entirely.

The entire trip did this, there was no one experience that i thought was better than any other.

The whole trip was amazing! I loved learning from the people of Belize and hearing their stories. Seeing history like the Mayan Ruins was breathtaking and something I will never believe I was actually there. Form everything in Belize I discovered that I can not wait to go abroad again and it confirmed my love for meeting and helping people.

I think an experience that changed my understanding of myself was being on top of one of the smaller temples at Xunantunich. I remember looking out at the other temple and just the rest of the ruins and thinking how crazy it was to be looking at a view that had existed longer than virtually everything I had ever known. It makes you feel very small in the world. I loved this view though. I think it helped to make me think about my role in life and what was really important, which was a pretty big theme for myself throughout the entirety of the trip.

just seeing the poverty and the kind of destruction that people in belize are going through struggling just to make ends meet is something that really struck me.

An experience that enhanced the understanding of myself was nighttime canoeing in the rain looking for crocodiles.

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

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all of our experiences helped understand the location and the environmental communications we were studying.

I liked that the readings we did often went very well with what we were doing activities wise.

We stayed at two very different places, so I have an experience for each spot. When we stayed at Monkey Bay, I think the place where I really realized how we impact our environment was when we went on our night time canoe trip. We were in this place that finally felt like it hadn't really been touched by humanity, something that I had been waiting for for a lot of the trip, and it hit me while we were there, just how much our being there had an impact on the ecosystem that we were invading. We were tearing down grasses and swatting bugs and cutting paths into the forest to create a bathroom. We also were grabbing animals out of their homes. It made me think about whether or not this was really worth the experience (and this was by far my favorite experience), which got me to start thinking about the line between coexisting and invading. When we were in San Pedro, I think the most impactful experience was going to Caye Caulker. It was described to us as "San Pedro 30 years ago" and looking at it through that lens, as well as talking to locals who could see it over time, made the statement even more real. You could see where the tourism and commercialization was seeping into the experience and the town itself. It was a little bit heartbreaking to see how this Americanized lifestyle was forcing its way into someone else's culture and it made me see the whole experience a little bit differently.

having class and making connections from the day trips we would have really helped with understanding the material as well as making connections.

An experience that enhanced my understanding of the location was going to a local farmers market in San Ignacio

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

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I enjoyed snorkling and being able to see the barrier reef

Canoeing (both times), the day were were able to explore the island on golf carts, seeing the Mayan Ruins, snorkeling.

I think scuba diving in San Pedro was one of the most enriching experiences of the trip. It was not only an amazing experience in itself, but the variety of places that we got to visit gave a true perspective on what the reef was like, how tourists interacted with it and how the industry itself played a role in tourism in general. I was particularly interested by the impact of tourism in Shark Ray Alley, which has changed the habits of the animals living there almost completely. It was sad, but important to see. I also really enjoyed talking to Belizean locals, expats, and other tourists to get their perspectives on tourism, their experiences and what they thought of Belize.

the snorkeling trips, and the free days we had were the most beneficial for me

Going to see the Mayan ruins and the hike through the jungle.

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	3	4	7
2	I was satisfied with the classroom/meeting spaces.	0	0	0	2	5	7
3	I was satisfied with the ground transportation arrangements.	0	0	0	2	5	7
4	I was satisfied with the air transportation arrangements.	0	0	0	2	5	7
5	I was satisfied with the number of group meals.	0	0	0	2	5	7
	I was satisfied with the quality of group meals.	0	0	0	0	7	7

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

Your insights will help us improve future programs.

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I appreciated the meals being included

Everything was great, i loved having all the meals as a group although in the later half it would have been nice to go out for dinner and be able to be out in town all night rather than go into town, come back for dinner than go back, it would have been nice to experience restaurants and other things in san Pedro.

I loved the food! They were super great at accommodating to vegetarianism, which was something that I had worried about a lot leading up to the trip. The ground transport was good as well, though it probably wasn't the most sustainable, but considering where we were and what was going on around us, I think it was pretty great!

I was really nice to have most meals covered through the program.

There could have been more vegetarian options for the others on the trip at the second location. But overall the food was amazing

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

#	Field	Choice Count
1	<\$100	6
2	\$101-\$200	0
3	\$201-\$300	0
4	\$301-\$400	0
5	\$401-\$500	1
6	\$501-\$600	0
7	>\$601	0
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#	Field	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
1	Total Spent	1.00	5.00	1.57	1.40	1.96	7

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

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Moving, adventurous, wild!

Amazingly crazy and eye opening

Amazing, an Adventure, Discovery

It was a truly amazing and eye opening experience. Absolutely beautiful. Once in a lifetime.

go on this trip; once in a life time experience

This trip helped me to see the world in a new light. As well as to get to know and understand a community outside of my own.

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

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YES. I would recommend this trip to everyone.

Yes, it was a great trip i learned a great deal about environmental communication while also being able to explore a new country.

YES! The program is indescribable and I still can't believe I went on it. Especially if it is one of your first times out of the country the time abroad is amazing and meeting people is the best.

Yes. I loved this trip, the experiences I had, the people I got to meet and work with and the professors. I wouldn't trade that experience for the world.

yes! there are some struggles but the important thing in this class is being able to make connections with program material to the real life world that we are experiencing.

Yes. This trip is not for everyone. But those who are looking for adventure in a new country and are willing to learn about what is going on there will very much enjoy this trip.

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