Fostering Global Citizens: Using Technology to Improve Intercultural Competence Among Study Abroad Students

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How can we IMPROVE intercultural competence in UM students?
Creating the Survey

**Food**

Is tipping customary at restaurants/bars? If so, what percentage?

Your answer

In general, how do prices of food (in grocery stores, at restaurants) compare to prices in the U.S.?

- Food is generally more expensive than in the US
- Food is generally less expensive than in the US
- Food costs about the same
- Other: ____________________________

**Transportation**

What forms of public transportation are available? Check all that apply.

- Bus
- Train
- Subway
- Taxi
- Bicycles
- Other: ____________________________

How much money would you recommend budgeting for transportation?

Your answer

**Academics**

What differences did you encounter in the academic structure between the foreign school and schools in the U.S.? (i.e. exams, homework assignments, grading scale, teaching style, etc.)

Your answer
Survey Responses:

Does this university offer classes in English?
- Yes: 65.7%
- No: 18.6%
- Not sure: 12.9%

What forms of public transportation are available? Check all that apply.
- Bus: 70 (94.6%)
- Train: 51 (68.9%)
- Subway: -25 (33.8%)
- Taxi: 66 (92.8%)
- Bicycles: -38 (51.4%)
- Other: -16 (21.6%)

In general, how do prices of food (in grocery stores, at restaurants) compare to prices in the U.S.?
- Food is generally more expensive than in the US: 31.5%
- Food is generally less expensive than in the US: 49.3%
- Food costs about the same: 15.1%
- Other: 0%
Q: Are there certain areas of town that you would recommend to live in? What is the overall quality of housing?

A: “I would definitely recommend living in the city center. Look for a flat in or around “el centro historico.” This area is full of shops, restaurants, clubs, and is close to the beach! The main university campus is located in Teatinos, which is slightly out of town, but I would avoid living in the dorms or flats located there because it can be very isolated and there is not a lot to do. The buses go from the city center to Teatinos, so it is easy to access campus from the city center!”
Q: What differences did you encounter in the academic structure between the foreign school and schools in the U.S.? (exams, homework assignments, grading scale, teaching style, etc.)

A: “... Don't get too caught up about the differences and the challenges they pose. If you just accept the way the system is, you'll be able to enjoy your time better and not stress about school as much. Talk to your professors early on to make sure you and they know what you need to do to earn 6ECTS points (3 credits for a class here). Establishing this early on will make everything easier.”
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Where do we go from here?
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