

## PROGRAMME D'ÉCHANGE RAPPORT DE FIN DE SÉJOUR

*Ce rapport de fin de séjour est obligatoire et doit être rendu avant le 1 février 2017.*

*Nous vous sommes reconnaissants pour vos commentaires ; Ils permettront aux futurs étudiants de préparer leur programme d'échange.*

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Quel est votre programme d'études à l'Institut ? **Master of International Affairs**

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Dans quelle université partenaire avez-vous effectué votre séjour d'échange ? Pontificia Universidad Catolica del Peru

Durant quel semestre (ex Automne 2015) ? Fall 2017

Veuillez préciser vos dates de séjour sur place (arrivée et départ) : Aug 15 to Dec 21

Quels étaient vos objectifs en choisissant des études au sein de cette université ? Improve Spanish, explore potential thesis topics relevant to Peru and Latin America

Quel cours avez-vous suivi sur place ? **Economia de Recursos Naturales y Medioambiente, Gestion Social, Desarrollo y Responsabilidad Social, (I also took an advanced Spanish class but dropped it halfway through the semester because it was a lot of work, I wasn't learning much and the credits wouldn't transfer over)**

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De manière globale, comment évaluez-vous les cours suivis ?

- Excellent
- Bon
- Moyen
- Mauvais
- Sans opinion

**Si vous le souhaitez, veuillez préciser:** I would not recommend taking courses in the business faculty unless you're looking for an easy semester. It worked well for me since when I arrived my Spanish level was rather low (A2-B1). In general, professors and other students are very helpful and understanding if you arrive with a lower level of Spanish. You have to get permission from the professor if you want to take a Master's course, and they don't usually respond super quickly (some didn't even respond at all), so start emailing professors for courses you might be interested in as soon as you have access to the classes using the Buscador del Cursos. I ended up having to take two undergrad. level courses since I had difficulty contacting professors and could not get permission to take their class. Also, take as many courses as possible during the introduction week. A course may seem perfect but when you attend the class the professor speaks too fast and doesn't use PPT for example.

### Comment évaluez-vous les aspects suivants ?

	Excellent	Bon	Moyen	Mauvais	Sans opinion
<b>Intérêt et pertinence des cours suivis</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Qualité pédagogique des enseignants</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Qualité de l'accueil administratif des étudiants d'échange</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Qualité de la vie étudiante</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Si vous le souhaitez, veuillez préciser :** The quality of the courses is lower than at IHEID, which was actually good for me since I arrived with a low level of Spanish. The quality of the courses that I took was pretty average overall. Peruvians were pretty laid back when it came to group work and they're very understanding and helpful to exchange students. Student life in Lima is really great. It's such a big city and very affordable, so there is always something to do. There are a lot of events for exchange students and everyone is very welcoming, so it's easy to meet people. Peruvians are also super friendly so it's easy to make friends with locals as well. If you have an issues, Narda was very helpful and was always there to answer my questions.

### De manière globale, comment qualifiez-vous les services offerts par l'université d'accueil ?

- Excellents
- Bons
- Moyens
- Mauvais
- Sans opinion

Si vous le souhaitez, veuillez préciser : **Even though I arrived late and couldn't attend welcome day there were still plenty of activities throughout the semester and I met people really quickly. There's also a lot of sports facilities, cultural events, study areas, etc. that are available on campus.**

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**Avez-vous effectué une activité extracurriculaire durant votre séjour d'échange ?**

- Activité associative au sein de l'université d'accueil
- Activité associative à l'extérieur de l'université d'accueil
- Stage rémunéré
- Stage non-rémunéré
- Emploi

Si vous le souhaitez, veuillez préciser : **I worked at an NGO throughout the semester. I had a lot of free time since I only had 3 courses which had a pretty light workload, so I dedicated a lot of my time to my internship. I learned a lot about my thesis topic. I would recommend looking for some sort of internship since your workload will be quite light, and I learn nearly as much about my thesis topic from my courses than I had hoped.**

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**Pourriez-vous détailler des éléments de vie quotidienne utiles aux futurs étudiants (par exemple logement, coût de la vie, conseils particuliers) : I originally lived in Miraflores with a host mom and another exchange student. I chose this because the past year reviews of PUCP mostly recommended to live in Miraflores and I wanted to live with a family where I would be speaking Spanish. This wasn't really the case. With the exception of one or two people I know, most people spoke Spanish at their student residences and my host mom didn't really speak to me that often. I also wouldn't actually recommend living in Miraflores. Past students recommended Miraflores based on security/safety and proximity to nightlife, things to do, etc. However, I didn't feel unsafe in Magdalena, Pueblo Libre, and most parts of San Miguel, though Miraflores and San Isidro are noticeably nicer areas. For me, however, it felt like a waste of**

money to live in Miraflores. It was more expensive, far from the university (at least an hour on a crowded bus), far from other exchange students (most live in Magdalena, Pueblo Libre, and San Miguel), and is super touristy. I ended up moving into a student apartment in Magdalena with other exchange students. I would recommend living in Magdalena since it's in between Miraflores/Barranco (nightlife) and the university, it's a slightly nicer area than Pueblo Libre and San Miguel, and still there's a lot to do and it's not expensive. PUCP gives you a list of student residences at the beginning of the year (most are pretty nice), but I was in a private apartment. If any future exchange students are interested in this apartment, send me an email and I can give you the name of my landlord. Also, since Uber is really cheap in Lima you can live far away from nightlife/surfing and whatever else in Miraflores/Barranco and share an Uber with other students and still save much more money than if you were to actually live there. Cost of living is really cheap in Lima I paid about 250USD a month for a nice apartment with 4 other students, a meal at a restaurant near the university is around 3USD, an hour long Uber (traffic is really bad) is about 5USD, etc.

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De manière globale, comment qualifieriez-vous votre expérience de séjour d'échange ?

- Excellent
- Bonne
- Moyenne
- Mauvaise
- Sans opinion

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Si vous le souhaitez, veuillez ajouter ci-après des recommandations ou des points qui n'ont pas été abordés: I mostly wanted to go to Lima to improve my Spanish, spend less money than I would have in Geneva, and have fun and enjoy my last semester of classes. For these reasons, Lima was perfect. I loved my semester in Lima and wouldn't hesitate to recommend PUCP for an exchange semester if you're looking to go there for reasons similar to mine. If you have any questions, feel free to send me an email ([stresianne.suter@graduateinstitute.ch](mailto:stresianne.suter@graduateinstitute.ch)).