



THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

COLLEGE OF FOOD, AGRICULTURAL,
AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES

International Student: Global Option Component A

As an international student at The Ohio State University, you are already gaining at least the equivalent of an introductory international experience. During a study abroad experience, our students are asked to consider their experience through reflection. This paper will be your opportunity to reflect on your time in the United States so far and share your thoughts and experiences.

Your paper should be 5-6 pages in length, Times New Roman, 11 point font, double spaced with one inch margins. If you need to cite any quotations, songs, poetry or references, please do so using [APA style](#). Please include a cover page with your name, the date submitted, and a paper title.

You will be asked to rewrite your paper if you have spelling or grammar errors that exceed an incidental number.

In your paper reflect on some or all of the following questions:

- In what ways is the US (specifically The Ohio State University) culture different from your own?
- How is this culture similar to your own?
- What, if anything, shocked you and why?
- How does US culture define “learning” or “knowledge”? Does this differ from your home culture?
- How have cultural differences made you more aware of your own culture of its benefits, limitations, strengths, or biases?
- In what ways might your own culture/society benefit by learning from that of others, specifically from the one in which you studied?
- In what ways might OSU students benefit by learning about your culture?
- How do cultural differences allow others to view you differently than you view yourself?

You must also address the following question:

- How might your experience abroad affect your future with regard to academic, social, career, and/or personal choices?

Submission of your paper

This reflection paper should be submitted after admission to the CFAES GO, but before enrolling in the CFAES Global Option Capstone Course. It can be submitted in Word document format to Elizabeth Shuman at shuman.29@osu.edu.

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