

# FEATURE COMPARISON TOOL

This optional form is to help you compare program features.

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| <b>PROGRAM NAMES:</b>                |   |   |   |   |   |
| Location / University<br>Pros & Cons |   |   |   |   |   |
| Dates                                |   |   |   |   |   |
| Language                             | Locals Speak: _____<br>Courses in: _____<br>Prerequisite? Y / N   | Locals Speak: _____<br>Courses in: _____<br>Prerequisite? Y / N   | Locals Speak: _____<br>Courses in: _____<br>Prerequisite? Y / N   | Locals Speak: _____<br>Courses in: _____<br>Prerequisite? Y / N   | Locals Speak: _____<br>Courses in: _____<br>Prerequisite? Y / N   |
| Admission<br>Requirements            | GPA: _____<br>Competitive? Y / N  | GPA: _____<br>Competitive? Y / N  | GPA: _____<br>Competitive? Y / N  | GPA: _____<br>Competitive? Y / N  | GPA: _____<br>Competitive? Y / N  |
| Courses Available                    |   |   |   |   |   |
| Course Style Options                 | <input type="checkbox"/> With locals<br><input type="checkbox"/> Only int'l students<br><input type="checkbox"/> Only NDSU students                           | <input type="checkbox"/> With locals<br><input type="checkbox"/> Only int'l students<br><input type="checkbox"/> Only NDSU students                           | <input type="checkbox"/> With locals<br><input type="checkbox"/> Only int'l students<br><input type="checkbox"/> Only NDSU students                           | <input type="checkbox"/> With locals<br><input type="checkbox"/> Only int'l students<br><input type="checkbox"/> Only NDSU students                           | <input type="checkbox"/> With locals<br><input type="checkbox"/> Only int'l students<br><input type="checkbox"/> Only NDSU students                           |
| Housing Options                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Dorm<br><input type="checkbox"/> Apartment<br><input type="checkbox"/> Host Family<br><input type="checkbox"/> Hotels/Hostels        | <input type="checkbox"/> Dorm<br><input type="checkbox"/> Apartment<br><input type="checkbox"/> Host Family<br><input type="checkbox"/> Hotels/Hostels        | <input type="checkbox"/> Dorm<br><input type="checkbox"/> Apartment<br><input type="checkbox"/> Host Family<br><input type="checkbox"/> Hotels/Hostels        | <input type="checkbox"/> Dorm<br><input type="checkbox"/> Apartment<br><input type="checkbox"/> Host Family<br><input type="checkbox"/> Hotels/Hostels        | <input type="checkbox"/> Dorm<br><input type="checkbox"/> Apartment<br><input type="checkbox"/> Host Family<br><input type="checkbox"/> Hotels/Hostels        |
| Housing Features                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Meals<br><input type="checkbox"/> Internet<br><input type="checkbox"/> Laundry   | <input type="checkbox"/> Meals<br><input type="checkbox"/> Internet<br><input type="checkbox"/> Laundry   | <input type="checkbox"/> Meals<br><input type="checkbox"/> Internet<br><input type="checkbox"/> Laundry   | <input type="checkbox"/> Meals<br><input type="checkbox"/> Internet<br><input type="checkbox"/> Laundry   | <input type="checkbox"/> Meals<br><input type="checkbox"/> Internet<br><input type="checkbox"/> Laundry   |
| Extras                               | <input type="checkbox"/> Internships<br><input type="checkbox"/> Volunteering<br><input type="checkbox"/> Excursions<br><input type="checkbox"/> Other/Notes: | <input type="checkbox"/> Internships<br><input type="checkbox"/> Volunteering<br><input type="checkbox"/> Excursions<br><input type="checkbox"/> Other/Notes: | <input type="checkbox"/> Internships<br><input type="checkbox"/> Volunteering<br><input type="checkbox"/> Excursions<br><input type="checkbox"/> Other/Notes: | <input type="checkbox"/> Internships<br><input type="checkbox"/> Volunteering<br><input type="checkbox"/> Excursions<br><input type="checkbox"/> Other/Notes: | <input type="checkbox"/> Internships<br><input type="checkbox"/> Volunteering<br><input type="checkbox"/> Excursions<br><input type="checkbox"/> Other/Notes: |
| My Rating                            | ★★★★★   | ★★★★★   | ★★★★★   | ★★★★★   | ★★★★★   |

# FEATURE COMPARISON TOOL INSTRUCTIONS

Here are some helpful hints on completing this form.

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| <b>PROGRAM NAMES:</b>             | List the name of the program being compared. It might also be useful to note if it is a Global Practicum <b>EXCHANGE</b> , <b>DIRECT</b> , <b>AFFILIATE</b> , or an <b>NDSU GLOBAL SEMINAR / INTERNSHIP</b> .   |
| Location / University Pros & Cons | Are there pros and cons to the location, the university, or some other aspect of the program?   |
| Dates                             | When does this program start and end?   |
| Language                          | What language(s) do the locals speak? (If the locals often speak English in addition to another language, make note of this.) Does this program have classes entirely in another language or offer the option to learn a language? Is there a language prerequisite to participate?   |
| Admission Requirements            | Is there a certain GPA requirement to apply? Is the program application process competitive (see below)? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>ISEP and NSE EXCHANGE</b>: Yes, a competitive application process; or</li> <li>• <b>PARTNER EXCHANGE</b>, <b>DIRECT</b>, <b>NDSU GLOBAL SEMINAR / INTERNSHIP</b>, and <b>AFFILIATE</b>: No, not a competitive application process, though securing a place on the program may be on a first-come, first-serve basis.</li> </ul>                |
| Courses Available                 | Are there certain classes or areas of study that this program offers that are useful? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>EXCHANGE</b>, <b>DIRECT</b>, and <b>AFFILIATE</b>: See the academics page of this guide for more information about how courses abroad can be approved to replace major, minor, or general education courses at NDSU; or</li> <li>• <b>NDSU GLOBAL SEMINAR / INTERNSHIP</b>: These programs are an NDSU course or courses that are set for the program.</li> </ul> |
| Course Style Options              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>EXCHANGE</b> and <b>DIRECT</b>: Most often courses are with locals but the university may offer courses only for international students;</li> <li>• <b>NDSU GLOBAL SEMINAR / INTERNSHIP</b>: Usually only with other NDSU students; or</li> <li>• <b>AFFILIATE</b>: May offer the opportunity to take courses with locals, but most often courses are with other international students only.</li> </ul>  |
| Housing Options                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>EXCHANGE</b>, <b>DIRECT</b>, and <b>AFFILIATE</b>: Usually dorms, apartments, or homestays; or</li> <li>• <b>NDSU GLOBAL SEMINAR / INTERNSHIP</b>: Most often hotels or hostels, but some programs may utilize other types of housing.</li> </ul>   |
| Housing Features                  | Varies by housing option and program design.  |
| Extras                            | Other features that may be included in programs. If there are many included, it may be helpful to make note of the details on a separate sheet.   |
| My Rating                         | Looking at all of these aspects of the program, how would you rate each option?   |