DO I REALLY HAVE TO SPEAK FRENCH?

ARTICULATING AND ASSESSING STUDENTS' PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT, CULTURAL EXCHANGE AND THE IMPORTANCE OF LANGUAGE WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF ACADEMIC INTERNSHIPS IN EUROPE.

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WRITE DOWN 3 CULTURAL OR PROFESSIONAL SKILLS YOU HAVE ACQUIRED THROUGH LIVING AND WORKING IN A FOREIGN COUNTRY.

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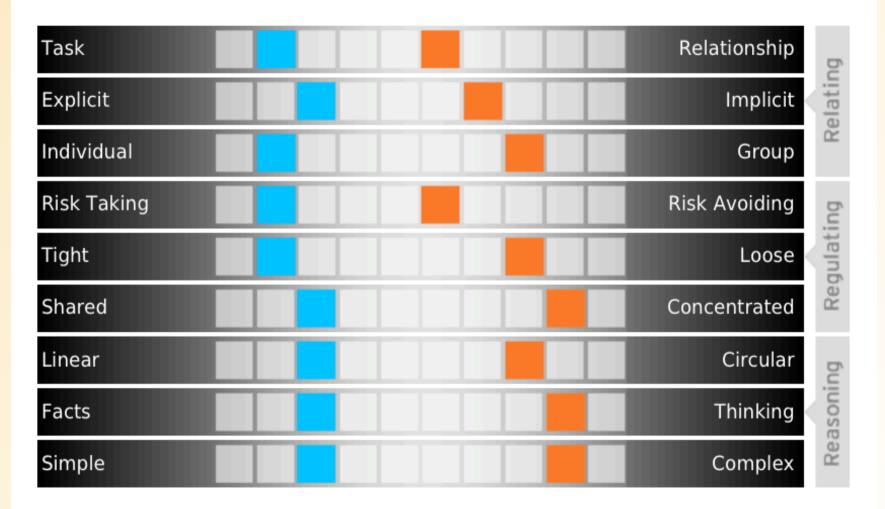
- Best practices
- Are we doing a disservice to students if they have no prior knowledge of a country's language and culture?
- How can students self-evaluate and use their experience to secure a future career?
- How international internships foster cultural understanding through reciprocity







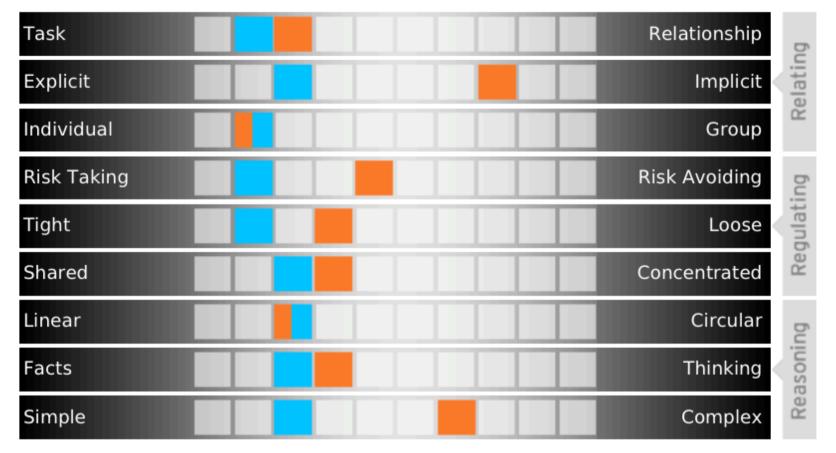
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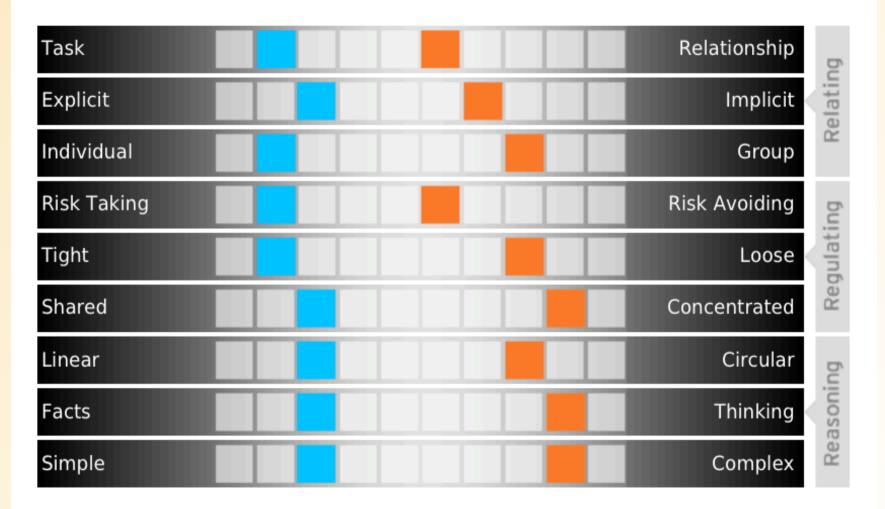


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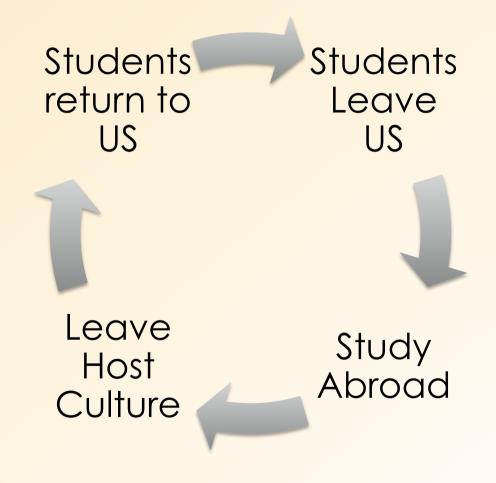


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What makes the internship « academic »?

Several parts to the academic portion of the internship:

 15-20 page minimum written internship report and research paper;

Activités dans le cadre du stage

- Travaux de traduction
- Ecriture des descriptions pour l'exposition de Starowieyski
- Recherches ethnographiques sur l'art amérindien
- Tâches administratives



Credit: G. Bishop, Spring semester 2013-14



•Oral defense



CREDIT: C. HAMET, SPRING SEMESTER 2015-16

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Internship journal

The « standard », table format :

Journal de bord / tableau récapitulatif								
Sen	naine	Domaine	Mission Generale	Mission Specifique	Objectifs de la mission	Taches accomplies par le stagiaire	Detail des taches	Competences acquises
	1	Organisation	Presentation generale de l'entreprise	Non definie	Non definis	Lire des documents sur le pole Finance Innovation	Lire sur le fonctionnement du pole ainsi que les differents projets labelises par le pole dans l'annuaire de 2012	Proactivite, independence, Adaptabilite: le devais etre proactive et independente parce que j'etais dass un environment ou tout le monde estai toccupe du coupi if allait que je m'arme de est raits our vaor der sates accompil. C'esto mome cela que je suis alle e demander des revues sur l'entreprise mais aussi offrir mon alde a des collegues
						Organiser le dossier de factures du Pole	Classer les factures du pole par ordre de date de 2013 a 2014	Ouverture d'esprit: Une tache comme classifier des factures par ordre peut etre anodin, insignifiante mais ca m'a permis d'avoir en pratique le fonctionnement operationel du pole, donc a la fin ca n'a pa ete aussi anodin.
	2	Recherche	La formation sur l'Economie Sociale et Solidaire	ldentifier des conseillers en investissement dans le 92	consellers en investissmend dans le departement de Haut de Seine qui pourraient etre contatter dans le but de leur proporer de se joindre a la formation sur l'Economie Socialister et Solidaire propose par le Pole	Creer un tablicau rassemblant les differents conseillers en insertissament d'an d'az 25 anis que leurs contacts et erganisation	les differents conseillers en investissement en France	Communication orale: J'a le une remontre wer le responsibles de l'actionné Social et é Solidaire ou je devais me presenter en deu phrase set il fallar varianter dobie la informations pertinentes. Cela m'a permis de effectiva au repertation suport de demo cursus et apprations pour quand une occasion comme celle- ci se presentera
							le 92 ainsi que l'organisation a laquelle ils appartiennent	Gattion dus temps, Je devais monte le tableau de casal avec les constituitos de consuellero en investasement ainzi que les fiches de synthese de deux projets avec la fin de l'agres-mili du vendredi. Cett un travial qui a paru enorme pare que je ne avais que no touvar ces informations et mon maire de stage n'hait pas disponible. Acos alle use perdre du nome pa ailler ura grode pour recharcher les conseillens of liveatisment dans le base de donnes la ou je pouvais trouven toutes base de sonte du conclique si Vi yavat tune base de donnes la o je pouvais trouven toutes aniformations fuciennest avec des nots des de recharche. Il m'a transmi cella et li m'a aussi encyder des emples de fiche de synthese sur lesques la pourais me base pour faire les miennes.
							Creer un tableau sur excel rassemblant leurs identifiants et les classant par organisation	Maitrise de Excel: J'ai eu l'opportunite de pratiquer les connaissances en excel que j'avais acquise lors de mon demier stage en rassemblant de nombreuses informations en differentes categories d'une maniere comprehensive
						Construite des fiches de synthese sur deux projets labelises par le pole	lire un dossier de projets et construire des fiches de synthese sur deux des projets labelises par le pole dans le domaine de l'Economie Sociale et Solidaire	Connaissance de quelques innovations dans le secteur. Dureparer.com qui est une plateforme qui relie les artisans aux demandeurs de leur service et Symoure qui donne une base de donnees succincte sur les differentes maladies et des remedes qui ont marche

Credit: A. Gaye, Fall semester 2014-15

The « literary » format :

Semaine 5 :

Mission générale : Observatrice

Objectif de la mission : apprendre des théories qui soutiennent les analyses médicales et la structure du laboratoire. Découvrir si les analyses médicales m'intéressent.

Tâches accomplies par le stagiaire : J'ai passé la plupart du temps dans le secteur des maladies auto-immunes. J'ai lu plusieurs livrets au sujet des immunofluorescences indirectes et j'ai fait la lecture des examens immunofluorescents avec les biologistes et internes.

Détails des tâches : J'ai appris comment les formes des régions fluorescents dans les cellules qu'on étudie peuvent indiquer la sorte d'auto-anticorps qui provoque une maladie. Le concentration des régions fluorescentes peuvent indiquer le gravité de la maladie et son étendue. En faisant la lecture, j'ai appliqué mes connaissances en essayent d'identifier les auto-anticorps. On doit dire si les régions fluorescent qu'on voit sois le microscope sont mouchetées, solide, etc.

Compétences acquises : travail en équipe, observation et réflexion, pensée critique et analyse,

Elles sont acquises comment ?: J'ai travaillé en équipe en identifiant les autoanticorps avec les biologistes et internes. Il fallait observé les images générés par les microscopes et puis appliquer mes connaissances des auto-anticorps et l'immunofluorescence indirecte pour arriver à le bon diagnostic.

Credit: S. Redfield, Fall semester 2014-15



The « creative » format :

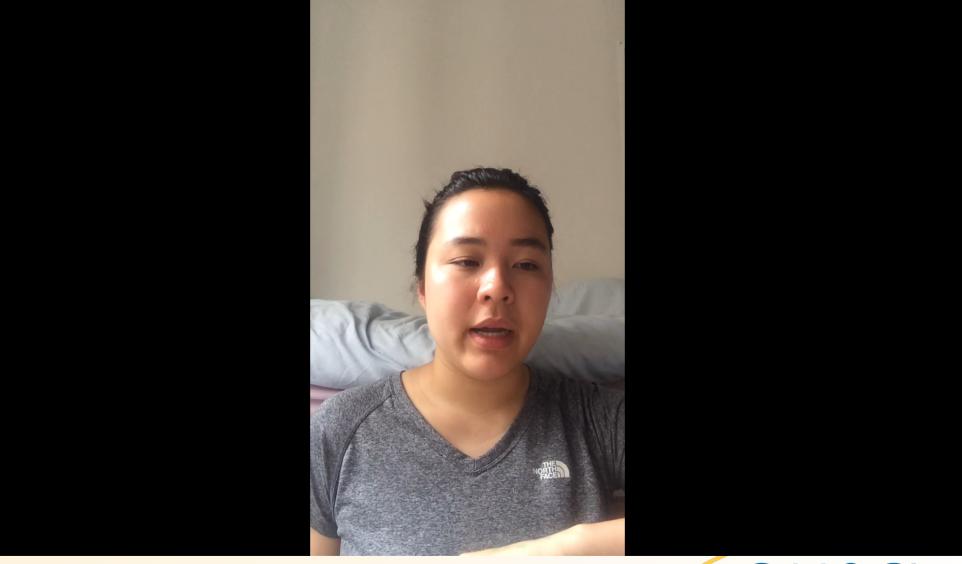


Credit: B. Meira, Summer semester 2016



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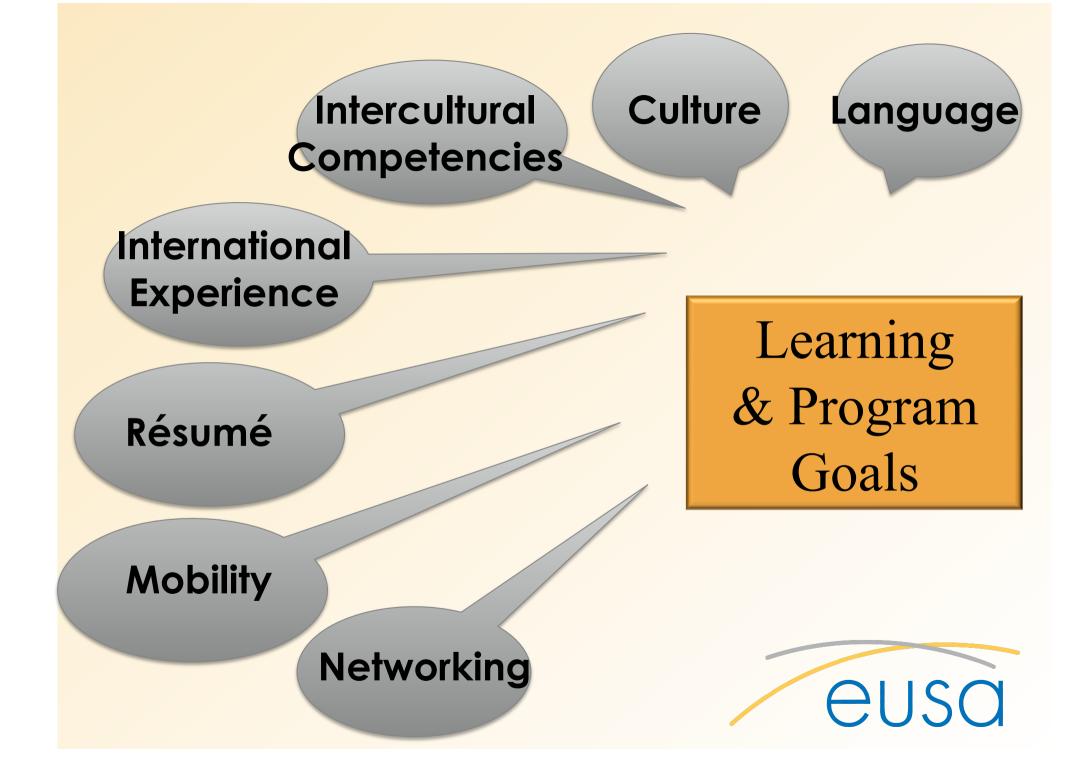
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IS KNOWLEDGE OF THE LANGUAGE ALONE ENOUGH TO INTEGRATE INTO AND UNDERSTAND A CULTURE?





PILOT GOALS

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WHAT IS PILOT?

The Personalized Learning Objective Toolkit (PiLOT) serves to equip students to:

- examine...
- analyze...
- reflect upon their study abroad experience.

It's been designed to give students the tools, time, and space to begin the process of conscious reflection and analysis throughout each aspect of their experience of living and working abroad.

To promote mindful engagement with the host culture and the students' own emotional, social, academic, professional and personal development

HOW DOES PILOT WORK?:

• <u>Social and Emotional Growth:</u>

- Independence
- Problem solving
- Resilience
- Adaptability
- Open-mindedness
- Self confidence

<u>Leadership and</u> <u>Professionalism:</u>

- Working in multicultural setting
- Oral communication
- Ability to navigate ambiguity
- Ability to manage stress
- Teamwork
- Time management
- Initiative
- Knowledge of professional field related to discipline

•Academic / Disciplinary Knowledge:

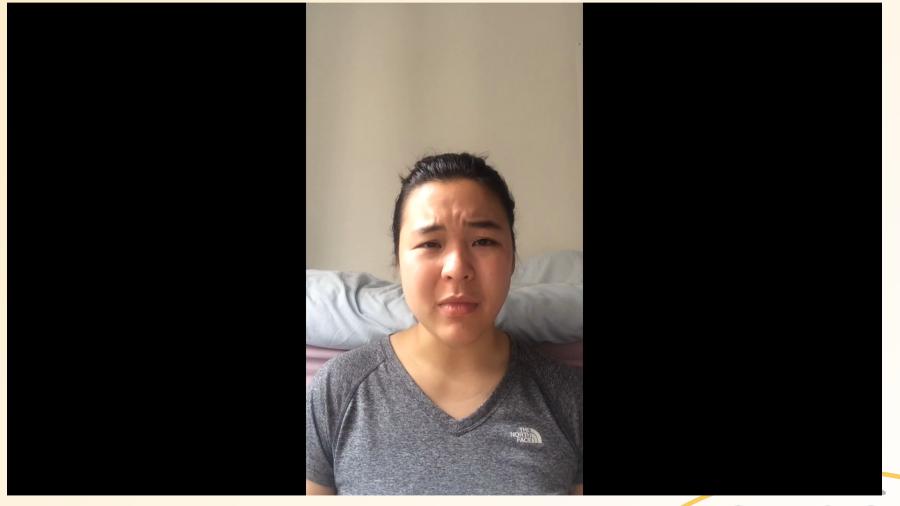
- •Observation and reflection
- •Foreign language skills
- •Research skills
- •Organization

Global Perspectives:

- Intercultural communication
- •Resourcefulness
- •Understanding of Host Culture



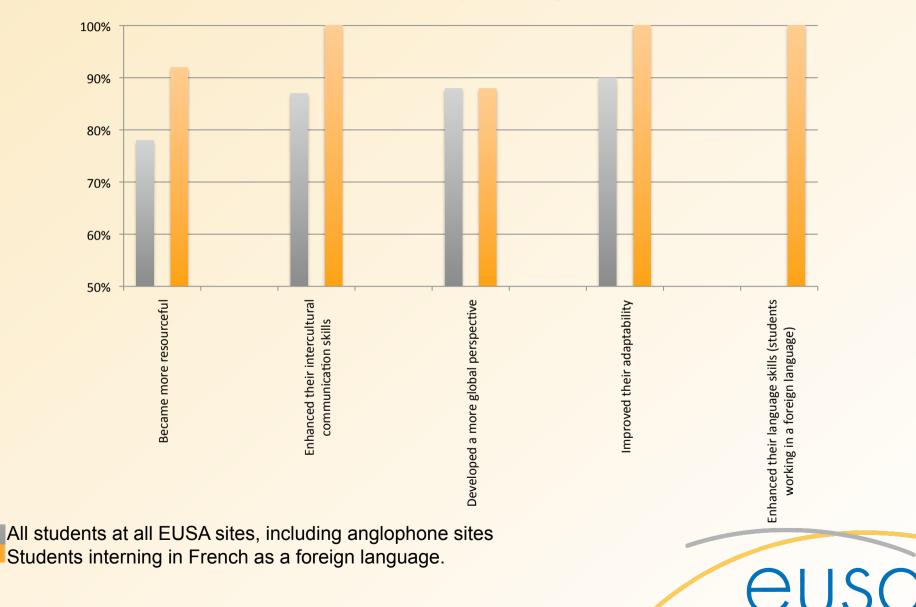
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EMPLOYABILITY

In a recent study of EUSA alumni from the past 3 years, using their PiLOT skills students stated that:



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RECIPROCITY

We often focus only on what students are getting out of the experience but cultural exchange by its very nature is a 2 way process.



THE IMPACTS OF CROSS-CULTURAL UNDERSTANDING



WHO BENEFITS AND HOW?

- Students, obviously.
- Students bring with them and share with the host culture (internship supervisors, academic advisors, etc.) to name but a few:
 - Bi / multi language skills
 - New perspectives and points of view
 - New expertise and skills that are lacking or are unfamiliar to the host company or association
 - **Familiarity and ease with social networks, software and web technology**
 - Enthusiasm and passion for their particular subject or topic
 - Insight into home cultures
 - Cause or incentive for the French to self reflect on their own culture, beliefs, practices, etc.



CÉDRIC MOREAU DE BELLAING, Assistant Professor of Sociology of Law and Political Science at ENS and Academic Advisor **BÉATRICE CASTELLANE**, Founder and Director of Cabinet Castellane with her intern **CHERISH MOLEZION**, Middlebury College School in France, Fall 2015 **LAURENT SIDIER**, Founder of 'Optionizr' and Internship Supervisor **CARL DE PONCINS**, Founder of Theatre in Paris and Internship Supervisor



'40% of our book is thanks to our American interns' research and 70% of the English version is thanks to those same interns (and it's going to the UN)' - Sandra Ayad, Fondation SCELLES/CRIDES



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- Foreign language skills
- Research skills
- Organization
- <u>GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES:</u>
- Intercultural communication
- Resourcefulness
- Understanding of Host Culture

My attitude, I'm ashamed to admit, was not at its brightest upon starting my internship, with heavy doubts weighing down my usual optimism. I was working on marketing but really wanted to work on translation. Managing to express this to my manager over the course of a few days, he began assigning me tasks more and more related to that aspect of the work, and I revelled in it. Now I find myself in the middle of a massive research project that deals directly with my Biology major. Having to research food-related allergies for a training session this November, I must pore over French government and science foundation sites and collect all of the relevant information into a format that can later be used by my manager.

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CONCLUSION









QUESTIONS:

- Do I really have to speak French? Do students need to speak the language to succeed?
- Pressure to send students with no language? Best practices to allow them to have a beneficial study abroad experience?
- Would it have been easier at the beginning to have identified your skills set if you had had this list?
- Do you have something like this in place on your respective programs?





We hope you have enjoyed the presentation and are enjoying your time in Greece so far.

But we ask you to consider how your experience may have been enhanced, had you arrived with a list of skills on which to work and had you spoken Greek.







WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK....

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'TO HAVE ANOTHER LANGUAGE IS TO POSSESS A SECOND SOUL'

Charlemagne

