

The LA Term program is a unique opportunity for students to experience urban Los Angeles culture while taking classes. Only 30 miles east of Azusa, students are immersed into a culture very different from the accommodating APU setting. These students are limited in resources as they must align with the values and cultural expectations of their host families for 4 months in the big city. These students attend classes 3 days a week and intern at a non profit organization the other two days. Students are learning both in and out of the classroom and are constantly being challenged beyond their limits in every area of luxury and comfort. Students may not use their cars throughout the program, instead they learn bus and metro routes to get where they need to go. Because the program has only been established for just a few years, there is not a clearly assigned budget that has existed to reference expenses for the upcoming semester of the program each year. We have therefore created a budget layout for the Spring 2010 semester in the LA Term program and allotted various amounts for each area assigned.

- **Orientation**

Students participate in orientation in order to learn about their new community setting and to attend trainings on sexual harassment, getting around the city, self defense, course curriculum, one on one mentor meetings, internship, etc. This is a week long session to better acquaint the student with the city and the expectations to help them prepare for the potential culture shock they are yet to experience.

- **Birthdays**

Students are not allowed to drive cars, nor spend too much time with students at APU. Students are therefore limited in what they can do to celebrate their birthday while with LA Term. This is a simple way to help them feel appreciated on their birthday. We would provide them with a birthday card and a \$5 gift card for a local coffee shop

- **Fresh Fruit Fridays**

Fresh Fruit Fridays was created to help the students benefit from healthy food options on Friday mornings. This began because of the students' concern with food their families were not providing them. Many students were not getting enough nutrition in their diet due to a lack of food options or bad food quality. Often times, students cannot afford to purchase food since they are not able to have a job while in the LA term program and therefore their funds are limited. This event is meant to supply students with something healthy without worrying about the finances. This consists of a few options of various kinds of fruit.

- **Retreat**

The retreat occurs mid-semester to bring the group of students together closer outside of the classroom. This is necessary because it is at this point that students are

getting the real experience of urban LA and this is meant to be a safe place to express feelings, concerns, and difficulties they may be experiencing.

- **1-on-1's**

One on one's occur to mentor students individually with a staff member in LA Term. This is a time for staff members to treat the student to coffee or the likes around campus to personally express feelings and discuss the student's current status in emotional, mental, and physical health. This occurs for about one hour multiple times throughout the semester.

- **Holga Camera/Film**

The Holga is meant to allow students to use their creativity without worrying about having their own personal items brought to and from home. The camera itself has already been purchased, so the students may check out the camera and must purchase the film at \$5 everytime they check out the camera. Once they use the film, LA Term pays for the developing of the film. The students must pay the initial fee, then LA Term will provide the rest. This allows the student to have the initial financial responsibility at a reasonable cost so that LA Term is not wasting the funds.

- **Staff Meeting**

Weekly staff meetings take place in coffee shops around LA county in order to cater to the driving each staff member must do. It saves money on gas to meet between the staff members homes rather than driving to the regional center in Koreatown. Each member purchases a cup of coffee and in some cases, a pastry as well. These last 1.5-2.5 hours at a time. We discuss the students, plans for the semester, and any other immediate issues and decisions during this time.

- **Transportation**

LA Term requires vehicles to be driven all around LA county for both site visits as well as transportation for the students to their homes during seldom occasions, mainly for their safety after evening events sponsored by their internship of LA Term. This requires each staff members' personal vehicle, sometimes the APU van, and sometimes public transportation (metro or bus) for the staff member.

- **Host Family Appreciation Dinner**

Host families provide room and board for 2-3 LA Term students at a time for a small fee per month. As a thank you for hosting these students for 4 months and to continue their service for the future of LA Term, there is a "Thank You" dinner help

at the end of the semester to show our gratitude for all that they do which usually involves dinner and words of thanks by the students.

- **Special Events**

On APU's main campus, students have many student activities in which they can participate in if they choose to do so. In LA Term, the hope is that they may also have a few of those same options on a smaller scale. Because these students may not participate in the activities offered on the main campus, LA Term must design their own. The hope is to save money and have a limited amount of big activities rather than many little ones. This is also helpful for the student as they tend to be limited in financial resources and also need a break from the emotions they experience during this time.

- **End of the Year Retreat**

The end of the year retreat is meant to bring the final days of LA Term to a close on a positive note. It is a time for students to spend their final hours together in a place where homework, finances, and internships do not get in the way of the relationships they have developed. This day retreat entails an off campus site and lunch provided by LA Term. During this time, students will offer reflection time of their semester and enjoy one another's company.

- **Supplies**

Some supplies include pens, paper, birthday/thank you cards, pencils, paper clips, printing, and other various fees which may accrue over the course of the semester.

- **Misc/Emergency**

This area is necessary for situations which require immediate action by the Staff which will vary depending on the situation which occur. During the course of the semester, students may need urgent care or trips to the emergency room for various reasons. Students may also need to see counseling which is provided by APU's counseling program. In addition to medical emergencies, students may need to be taken away from their host family homes due to unsafe situations in their home and therefore put into a hotel for a few nights until other arrangements can be made. In addition to the hotel, students will also need food provided for them as they wait patiently for the necessary changes. This also includes Class B license fees so that there is at least one other staff member driving a van if necessary. This area will include any other necessary funds or emergencies that may or may not occur within the semester.