

OUTGOING STUDENT FEEDBACK FORM 2008-2009

Programme

International Management and American Business Studies

University Attended

Emory University, Atlanta

INDUCTION/ORIENTATION PROGRAMME

What did this involve, how long did it last, was it useful?

This involved a week of both accommodation related and university orientation programmes. It was a useful period with we had a chance to meet with people to help us with the administrative requirements that needed to be completed on arrival, as well as being given opportunities to tour the campus led by existing students at the university.

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Style of teaching, courses, ease of access to courses, methods of assessment, teaching support

The style of teaching is very different to that existing Manchester, whereby the work is much more practical, involving a lot of group work. This means that presentations are frequent, and leads to more consistent work throughout the term, although the actual level of difficulty of this work is much lower than I am used to in Manchester. I have had few essays to do, and ones that I have done have required no academic support, therefore in my view are very straight forward and simple to complete.

When concerning exams, they are relatively simple, occurring midterm and then at the end of the term. Consequently the amount of material for each exam is only half, and also the basis of the exams is imply multiple choice or short answers.

There is a wide variety of courses available at Emory, including an extensive array of both financial and organisational base. Courses which i currently take offer an opportunity to develop skills that I feel that i am lacking, including more divergent thinking and aiding my presentation skills.

MBS INTERNATIONAL OFFICE

Level of support, additional information that could have been useful

I felt that due to the fact no one had been to Emory for five years, MBS aid was much more limited. However i understand that this was not due to their incapability's, it was simply a lack of recent resources.

MBS SECOND YEAR MEETINGS

Any additional information that could have been useful

HOST INTERNATIONAL OFFICE

Level of support, additional information that could be useful for future students

The support is very good within the International office, whereby they are very open to helping any problems you have. The only thing that i feel we were not properly informed regards the insurance. Whereby i felt uninformed that the actual University insurance, which they advise, is an extremely expensive cover and alternatives are available at a much cheaper rate, that do satisfy the university's requirements to have a base within the U.S.

ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation is shared over here, i did have problems with my first roommate, whom i didn't gel with. However the Emory Accommodation Office is open for making your situation better wherever possible, and i was able to move in with a much closer friend, which has made my experience much better.

Sharing is strange at first, but you quickly adapt and get used to living in close quarters with someone else, i am very lucky that now i live with a close friend.

DESTINATION INFORMATION AND OVERALL EXPERIENCE

Transport, travel, social life, integration with local students, student activity groups
Transport over here is very slow, and can be unreliable. Atlanta is very much built around having a car, which has made it difficult to just pop to the supermarket or cinema. However you do make friends with Americans, who are often willing to help you out and take you places. I have felt that within actual lectures people are less inclined to want to make friends, as they are all final year students, very stressed with interviews for jobs etc. Therefore i have met the majority of my friends whilst on nights out or at parties. One disadvantage i experienced was that all the internationals were put in the same halls, i felt this was a major problem in helping to integrate us within the American students. However i have met some amazing friends in my halls from all over Europe, i do just think that it is a shame that we were not given the opportunity to live with other Americans.

Opportunities to travel i feel are good in Atlanta, for Fall break me and some friends rented a car and road tripped to Savannah which was a 4 hr drive, which was amazing, then on to Florida, visiting Daytona Beach and then Orlando. I recently flew to New York which was only a 2 hr flight, and i also have plans next term to go to Mexico for Spring Break and also go to New Orleans. Consequently there are many places that are in easy reach of Atlanta, and therefore offer a good opportunity to travel and get different experiences across America.

DESCRIBE IN ONE SENTENCE YOUR YEAR ABROAD

My year abroad has so far been an amazing once in a lifetime experience, that has involved meeting people from all over the world, as well as experiencing a true American University Campus life.

EXTRACT FROM SUE FIDALGO'S REPORT FOLLOWING VISIT TO EMORY - NOVEMBER 2008:

MBS students are thoroughly enjoying the Emory experience. They had visited Atlanta on only a couple of occasions as most of the social life was focused near to the Emory campus. Both students had also taken the opportunity to travel. Be aware that there is a very strict policy on underage drinking.

The students were in the university accommodation which they said was expensive. The recommendation was that future students do not upgrade the food plan as the basic food plan provision is sufficient and once you have paid for an upgraded food plan, there is no refund at the end of the study period. In addition, the University of Manchester insurance policy was not acceptable to Emory and this is an extra cost to bear in mind. Emory will only accept policies where there is a US office for the

provider. Currently the Emory health cover is \$1998 for the full year. The insurance covers virtually everything with the exception of alcohol related incidents.

On the academic side, students were enjoying the courses. They said that there was a lot of contact hours as is always the case in the US but that the difficulty level was not particularly hard. In relation to course choices, pre-requisite requirements, international office support, accommodation etc. it was reported by the students that everything was extremely well organised.