

OUTGOING STUDENT FEEDBACK FORM 09-10

Programme IMABS

University Attended Emory University

INDUCTION/ORIENTATION PROGRAMME

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

We had an introductory lecture covering topics such as insurance, classes, information about Atlanta and the University. The Dean also gave a welcome speech. The introduction days are useful to attend as you meet all the other exchange people and everyone introduces themselves and then the fun begins!!! ☺

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

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

As we are allowed to choose three business classes and one class from other departments, there is a great variety of subjects to choose from. The lectures are quite small (max around 60 students). Very interactive, a lot of times you have to prepare before the class as you might be asked to participate. (Also at the beginning of the year you get a card with your name and surname on it and you are supposed to put it in front of you at every class). The grades are distributed along the semester, depending on the class, sometimes you have a few quizzes, a presentation, or a case write-up. Class participation is graded as well.

The popular classes usually fill up pretty quickly, so it's best to choose your courses as soon as possible. The core subject classes (for example, Strategic management) have several different times, so it's easy to arrange a timetable which suits you. Also NO CLASSES ON FRIDAYS! The teachers are very friendly and supportive, they have office hours and teaching assistants are always ready to help. They are also always interested and not very strict with the exchange students ☺. Finally, most of the classes are a lot of fun, involving new case studies and good examples (they love Apple ☺). They also have amazing guest speakers (for example, CMO of Coca-Cola). Be ready to do some work though because the grading system is based on the curve, only a limited number of students can get an A and the students are very competitive! ☺

MBS INTERNATIONAL OFFICE

Level of support, additional information that could have been useful

I never had any serious issues, but whenever I wrote an email, I got a quick response and they were always very helpful.

MBS SECOND YEAR MEETINGS

Any additional information that you feel could have been provided

HOST INTERNATIONAL OFFICE

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

Throughout the year the International society organized events such as trips to NBA, baseball, ice hockey games, and a first pizza party where we met our buddies. We always received great support from Valerie Molyneaux.

INSURANCE, HEALTH COVER

Please include any information relating to the purchase of compulsory health insurance i.e. costs etc. or whether this was waived by having the University of Manchester Insurance Policy

Emory asks you to purchase their insurance policy(I am not sure but around \$3000 per year), but it is possible to write a waiver (there is a deadline for that, so be careful!!!!) and get your own insurance for more than half price (mine was something around \$400 for the whole year). I would therefore advise doing that, and saving the money for travelling!

ACCOMMODATION

As much information as possible on what accommodation is recommended or not recommended.

If you are willing to share a room, I would suggest you live in IB house. This was formerly a fraternity house (the frats were kicked off campus), so they use the house for exchange students. It's one huge house with a kitchen, lounge and rooms for two people. The campus is really close, the business school is about 5 mins walk. The only disadvantage I could think of is that about 10 or more people share one bathroom so you might want to wake up earlier to get to the shower first!!!!!! Hahaha ☺ I lived in the Highland Lake apartments, so if you prefer to have your own room, I would definitely suggest living there (NOT Clairmont!!!). It's a huge apartment complex, with two swimming pools, a gym, a lot of students live there, and you have your own room and bathroom. The office people are helpful, so you don't need to worry if something breaks down. There are also a lot of parties and barbeques. To get to the campus you need to walk for around 15 mins to the shuttle stop (the shuttles are free!) and then take a 10 min bus ride. During the week they run really often, but on Saturdays and Sundays there's only one an hour.

DESTINATION INFORMATION AND OVERALL EXPERIENCE

Transport, travel, social life, integration with local students, student activity groups

I would really suggest travelling as much as you can!!!! We usually went somewhere different every weekend. We travelled outside the USA as well. Atlanta is great for great flight deals, as the airport is really big. Emory is a relatively small school (around 6000 undergraduates, and only around 600 in business school). You get to know people so fast and to meet them on campus everyday. Its great in the sense that there is a community feeling. I remember we already knew lots of people after only being there for two weeks, and all the students were interested in exchange students. Social life is great as well, they have a local bar close to the campus. Downtown Atlanta is around 20 mins away by cab, but its worth going because there are some great clubs (for example Opera, was ranked the fifth club in the USA). Also Emory organizes concerts for students, after Spring break we had Kid Cudi, and in autumn there was a Sean Kingston concert. If you get to know Americans you will be invited to a lot of frat and house parties ☺. Moreover, Emory has great sports facilities (swimming pools, volleyball and tennis courts.....), and you can easily join all the clubs.

DESCRIBE IN ONE SENTENCE YOUR YEAR ABROAD

I cannot find the right words to describe it, but for sure it's the most amazing, crazy and unforgettable year of my life, I wish I could do it all again!!!