

2013-2014

University Attended: Fisher College of Business - The Ohio State University

FEEDBACK 1

INDUCTION/ORIENTATION PROGRAMME

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

It involved a meeting in the business school on one of the first days of class. We received introductory packages with information regarding getting your Buck ID and other documents such as maps of the university. We also got the chance to meet the other exchange students which was very useful although we had met some a few days before. We also met the people who run Fisher Exchange Network and voted on which trips we most wanted to take throughout the year.

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

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

All of the classes I took in the Business School were a lot smaller compared to Manchester, comparable to the size of seminars, although some of the classes I took outside the Business school were a lot larger. In class participation usually comprises a decent proportion of grades, it's weird to get used to but pretty easy to get the points. Classes also involve a lot more group work, projects and presentations, but they are all relatively straightforward, as well as a lot more regular assessments such as midterms, although a lot of them are multiple choice. Most courses were easy to sign up too and they made exceptions for the course requirements as we are Exchange students. I would definitely recommend taking classes outside of the business school with the 3 of the 12 credit hours you are allowed to differentiate each semester.

MBS INTERNATIONAL TEAM

Level of support, additional information that could have been useful

The international team was great, didn't have any problems while I was out there so had minimal contact.

MBS SECOND YEAR MEETINGS

Any additional information that you feel could have been provided

I thought the meetings were pretty comprehensive and addressed most issues.

HOST INTERNATIONAL OFFICE

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

I had a few issues with Ohio States International office, they thought I was only there for one Semester so wrongly dated my DS2019, meaning my visa expired in December which was an issue when I was flying back for Internship interviews in January. They provided virtually no support with respect to this, so don't expect too much from them.

INSURANCE, HEALTH COVER

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

You have to purchase the Insurance provided by Ohio State as they don't waive the Manchester Policy, although I got it reimbursed through the student loans company back here which I would definitely recommend you looking into. The Insurance was around \$1000 a semester.

INFORMATION ON ANY ADDITIONAL COSTS AND FINANCIAL CERTIFICATION

This should be information on any extra fees that the University charged but should not include accommodation, books, transport, visa etc. Any information that you had to provide on financial certificate would be helpful.

There are additional fees that the University charges; General Fee Undergrad, Recreational Fee, Student Union Facility Fee, Student Activity Fee Undergrad, COTA Bus Service Fee, and PAES Sport & Health Course Fee. These add up to between \$300-500 a semester.

ACCOMMODATION

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

I stayed on campus both semesters, the first in Buckeye Village (Undergrads can no longer live there, just as well) and Jones Tower in the Second. Jones Tower was great, it's literally 2 minutes from the business school and a short walk to high street, where all the shops and bars are. If you are going to live on campus I would recommend Jones tower or Neil Building. Neil building is located on south campus, further away from the business school but closer to the library and the RPAC. The only issues with living on campus is that you are forced to have a dining plan, which is around \$1700-2000 a semester, I was lucky and managed to get out of it as the place I lived in the first semester had a kitchen so didn't require one, but my friends grew very tired very quickly of having to always eat on campus. A few of the other exchange students lived off campus in shared houses, which was great as it was a perfect way to integrate with Americans and get a different living experience, I actually spent more time over their houses than in my dorm! Either choice you pick, you will have a great time!

DESTINATION INFORMATION AND OVERALL EXPERIENCE

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

There are buses that run all over campus and downtown, although the only time you'll really use them if you live on campus is downtown to the bars. A lot of the American students have cars and are always more than willing to drive you places if you need. The exchange network was incredible, made so many lifelong friends and they organized great trips throughout the first semester including white water rafting and a weekend in Chicago. I also joined the International Business Club which was another great resource to meet and socialise with like-minded Americans. Greek life is quite prominent, although I didn't join any Frats or Sororities I have friends who did and said it was a great experience, although I think it can be quite expensive. We also formed an exchange student football team and played in the university league which was a lot of fun.

There isn't a shortage of bars and house parties, I was lucky to turn 21 my first month out there but getting into bars is still possible on 18+ nights. Thursdays are the classic night out downtown, make sure you venture out and experience Cantina and Brothers – our personal favourite bars.

I was lucky enough to travel a lot, which I would recommend as you can usually find great deals on flights or greyhound busses to different parts of America, and if you're lucky you can structure your class schedule so you can travel on weekends.

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