

OUTGOING STUDENT FEEDBACK FORM 2008-2009

Programme IMABS

University Attended HEC Montreal

INDUCTION/ORIENTATION PROGRAMME

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

The induction programme lasted for 2 weeks and it was amazing. It was the best chance to get to know people and the events planned were extensive. There was something on every day and every night. There was zip line activities, pub crawls, nightclub nights out, bbqs, beach days. It was incredibly fun and it made it so much easier to get to know people too. It was very useful and much more than I expected.

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

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

The style of teaching is different to Manchester as the classes are smaller. They tend to have about 30 people and participation is expected in most classes. Also there is group work with most courses so it's a good idea to try and form a good group of people. The teachers are approachable. The subjects are pretty interesting and I would recommend international management and international economic environment as well as marketing. There is usually a midterm exam and final exam with some smaller quizzes worth approx. 5%. But some courses have take home exams as final exams which is essay style. It really depends on the courses you choose.

MBS INTERNATIONAL OFFICE

Level of support, additional information that could have been useful

They were helpful and gave quick responses to emails which was good. They also sent reminder emails for paperwork which was excellent as it is much needed. Overall, the support was great.

MBS SECOND YEAR MEETINGS

Any additional information that could have been useful

They were excellent as we had the chance to speak to people who had been to the university and city before which allows you to get a first hand knowledge. I found that very useful. It was helpful in terms of finding out information and understanding more of what to expect too.

HOST INTERNATIONAL OFFICE

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

They were incredibly helpful with a number of things ranging from accommodation to courses to doing language courses. They also helped as much as they could and they were readily approachable.

ACCOMMODATION

There are a number of places you can stay in, in Montreal. A lot of students live next to university at HEC which is a good area to live. Also downtown is excellent too which is where I lived and loved it. It was next to all bars, restaurants, shopping and clubs which is useful as I hardly ever got a taxi home and could easily walk. I also felt safe as there is a lot of people everywhere at all hours. Some people also live at Mont Royal which is a nice more French area to live in. GIA Gestion is a company which helps house students. Some people have used them but some people have had negative experiences, i.e. Not getting what they asked for or not getting additional help when problems arise. A word of warning is they never give housing downtown if you want to live there. But there has been mixed reviews.

DESTINATION INFORMATION AND OVERALL EXPERIENCE

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

Transport in Montréal is easy. There is a metro and bus network. With an Opus card (which you can get as soon as you arrive from McGill metro station), unlimited travel is 36 CAD which is a good price. The social life is great in Montréal from gig concerts, club nights, activities on Mont Royal and going out. There is always something going on whether it's winter or summer. There are many student groups which you can join when you arrive and there is a gym next to university too.

DESCRIBE IN ONE SENTENCE YOUR YEAR ABROAD

Wouldn't change any of it. Best year