

**2012-2013**

**University Attended: IESEG school of Management (LILLE)**

## **FEEDBACK 1**

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### **INDUCTION/ORIENTATION PROGRAMME**

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

Lasted for a week per semester, the first semester was very useful. It was summer time and we all went camping and did lots of activities meaning we all had a chance of integrating well.

### **ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE**

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

Very different to what I was used to, this was the same for most exchange students, it is very much project orientated with presentations, not too academic but builds up social skills which are very useful in the business world.

### **MBS INTERNATIONAL TEAM**

Level of support, additional information that could have been useful

Whenever I had a problem, they were always quick to respond.

### **MBS SECOND YEAR MEETINGS**

Any additional information that you feel could have been provided

Provided useful information always and helped us decide what location is best for us.

### **HOST INTERNATIONAL OFFICE**

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

The international club was fantastic, they looked after everyone very well and organized lots of social events at the start when nobody knew each other.

### **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

the insurance provided by University of Manchester was sufficient.

### **INFORMATION ON ANY ADDITIONAL COSTS**

This should be information on any extra fees that the University charged but should not include accommodation, books, transport, visa etc.

Lille is an expensive city, a lot more so than Manchester, but you get used to the cost and adjust.

### **ACCOMMODATION**

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

Much more expensive than Manchester, and the accommodations in France are not up to the standard as they are in the UK, but there is a CAF system where the government discounts all students for their rent. I had €175 discount a month off rent.

### **DESTINATION INFORMATION AND OVERALL EXPERIENCE**

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

Travelling was easy from Lille, can get cheap buses and Ryanair flights to many places. The locals can be difficult if you don't speak perfect French but that motivates you to learn quicker!

### **DESCRIBE IN ONE SENTENCE YOUR YEAR ABROAD**

**One year in a bubble that you never want burst.**

## **FEEDBACK 2**

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### **INDUCTION/ORIENTATION PROGRAMME**

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

We went on camping and had a city tour which was more like treasure hunt with only us students. Camping was for two days which was rather poorly planned but it was a good way to get to know people.

### **ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE**

Style of teaching, courses, ease of access to courses, methods of assessment, teaching support Teaching was in smaller classes most of the time with around 30-60 students so it was more interactive and the professors came from different nationalities and also taught very well. There were not a lot of courses to choose from in the bachelor area because a lot of classes clash with each other so it can be difficult to choose all the courses you want. After the first semester I had to choose Master courses because I had taken most of the Bachelors courses already and also because I had to match the schedule so that they didn't clash. Feedback from the courses were rather poor, I didn't get to see how I did in the coursework I did but only received a total score for the whole course. I only got to see the final exam papers from one course in the first semester. The assessment was based on attendance, exams and coursework, in some cases participation as well. The exams were only based on the lecture slides in most courses and in one course, Business Law the exams were only based on our own lecture notes as there were no course books nor lecture slides. I thought this was rather difficult because you can't really find the information online.

### **MBS INTERNATIONAL TEAM**

Level of support, additional information that could have been useful

It was good.

### **HOST INTERNATIONAL OFFICE**

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

They help you when you need it.

### **INSURANCE, HEALTH COVER**

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In the first semester I didn't have to purchase any insurance when I lived in Les Estudines but in my second semester when I moved to AEU I had to purchase one from SMENO which cost around 30€.

### **ACCOMMODATION**

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

I strongly do not recommend Les Estudines because their rates are far more expensive than other accommodations even if they have the same standard. Also when you move out they require you to dry clean all the bedding and also sofa cover and blanket even if you didn't use it. My blanket was completely full of hair when I moved in so I didn't use it but bought my own duvet. The costs of laundry are 3 and 2 € for washing and drying which are a lot more expensive than other accommodations. When you move they count for the whole month and you can't move out any time but only after one semester which you don't need to do for either Concordia or AEU. In my second semester I moved to AEU although there are very many different accommodations within this organization and the standard is not the same everywhere. Where I live we share the kitchen with 60 people, two bathrooms for both genders and there was only one size of room you could choose from but I got a significantly smaller room than the others but pay the same price. What I would recommend is the private landlords or Estrella which is just next to the school.

### **DESTINATION INFORMATION AND OVERALL EXPERIENCE**

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

I purchased a bike card for a year for which I can use for the bike stations situated everywhere in town. If you live near school you don't really need a bike or bus pass. Walking to town takes 20 minutes only. They organized many events for international students but you don't do much with the local students apart from going to the same classes.

### **DESCRIBE IN ONE SENTENCE YOUR YEAR ABROAD**

**A great destination for an exchange year.**