

2013-2014

University Attended: University of Illinois Urbana Champaign

FEEDBACK 1

INDUCTION/ORIENTATION PROGRAMME

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

1st day. Includes meeting at the auditorium with students from other countries and schools. It was useful as all the information needed to start the school term is provided then following by a gathering and BBQ at the school's director's house where we had chance to meet even more people and to make new friends with current students from the school.

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

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

Style of teaching is classroom based and maximum capacity is 50 students making it easier for students to ask professors questions. Methods of assessments are done in various ways such as participation, attendance, MCQ exams and projects which usually held a bigger percentage when comes to grading. Teaching support is great with weekly office session provided by both the professors and the teaching assistants which were very helpful.

MBS INTERNATIONAL TEAM

Level of support, additional information that could have been useful

Great level of support and questions were answered almost immediately.

MBS SECOND YEAR MEETINGS

Any additional information that you feel could have been provided

Maybe additional information on how to get to the school from the airport. *MBS comment: This is given in pre-arrival information or should be looked up on the University website under 'getting to campus'.*

HOST INTERNATIONAL OFFICE

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

Good level of support. Compulsory meeting with the staff in charge so that they can brief us on what's going on around the school and what we need to get started during the first week of school.

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.

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 certification would be helpful.

Textbooks are extremely expensive here and they are not included in the university school fees we are paying for. One text book can cost about 150USD even if you were to rent or buy second hand from amazon.

ACCOMMODATION

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

Sherman Hall is great. It is a single room with shared bathroom. Good enough for one person and you have more privacy comparing to Ikenberry or ISR where you have to share with another person. Sherman Hall is only a 5 min walk to Business School. ISR is pretty far from business school so I won't recommend that hall, especially when you have to walk to class every morning during winter. If you stayed in Ikenberry and ISR, meal plans are compulsory and can cost up to 2000 USD for semester.

DESTINATION INFORMATION AND OVERALL EXPERIENCE

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

Public transport around Urbana-Champaign is included in the fees we paid for. BIEN does a great job in organizing camping trips, skiing trips and trips to Chicago. Everyone here is pretty friendly and the professors are extremely nice too. Domestic flights might be a little more expensive as compared to Ryanair and Easyjet in Europe. I would recommend going to Cancun, Mexico for spring break. The place is awesome and really beautiful and it's only 3 hours from Chicago.

DESCRIBE IN ONE SENTENCE YOUR YEAR ABROAD

The best school year ever with wonderful friends and professors here. The thought of returning to UK makes me kind of sad already.