

OUTGOING STUDENT FEEDBACK FORM - 2007/2008

Programme: International Management

University Attended: Mannheim University

INDUCTION/ORIENTATION PROGRAMME

This involved a few induction lectures in the week before University started, as well as this there was a welcome buffet for international students and a couple of other social events were organised for the following week. They were very useful for meeting other students, as well as informing you about what courses were available and how to go about things such as registration.

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

All the courses were in the format of a lecture each week, these were very large and so it could be difficult to concentrate on the lecture and occasionally hard to hear the lecturer. However the lecturers were generally good and covered a lot of topics and information. There were a few smaller classes that could be taken through the International Office in Mannheim, these were more like a seminar and were much better. They were more interactive and hence I felt more was learnt in these sessions. With the courses offered for international students there was often a choice between writing an essay or doing the exam; I would highly recommend doing the essay, as the exams are different to the ones we are used to taking in England and hence more difficult. However for some of the smaller courses there are exams and presentations.

MBS INTERNATIONAL OFFICE

The support from MBS was good and everything was prepared for when I got there, so I felt as though I knew what I needed to do on arrival. The responses to any queries were also quick and answered any problems effectively.

MBS SECOND YEAR MEETINGS

As far as I can remember the second year meetings were good and covered all the information that I could have hoped for prior to going abroad.

HOST INTERNATIONAL OFFICE

The International Office in Mannheim was very good. They were extremely helpful and were there to support you with anything you needed. The only negative was that they were often only open in the mornings, with one full day each week. Therefore it wasn't always possible to go in and talk to them/ However, despite this, they still seemed very accessible, as you could always e-mail and there was often someone in the office even if they were closed.

ACCOMMODATION

The accommodation was not that great, as it was very spread out and it was difficult to meet the people that were living around you. However there are always international students around and it was easy to find a group that also lived in the same accommodation as you. Other than that the accommodation was comfortable and everything you need is there. It is also possible to move after semester 1, so that in semester 2 you could live in a flat with some people you know and possibly not even in the halls of residence.

DESTINATION INFORMATION AND OVERALL EXPERIENCE

Mannheim is not the largest of cities, but there is plenty going on and lots to do once you get into life there. There is a large community of international students that are all in the same boat as you and hence it is easy to meet plenty of people. It is these students, along with the International Society (VISUM), that really make being in Mannheim great, as there are always things being organised. It is a great university to study at and there are many wonderful places to visit nearby. Overall it was a great experience, which gave me a great insight into German life and enabled me to meet people from many different countries and cultures.

DESCRIBE IN ONE SENTENCE YOUR YEAR ABROAD

Difficult to begin with, but brilliant once settled in.