

OUTGOING STUDENT FEEDBACK FORM – 2007/2008

Programme IMABS

University Attended University of Massachusetts Amherst

INDUCTION/ORIENTATION PROGRAMME

The orientation programme lasted for a week before the semester began, it was useful as there were trips to the mall to get the important things such as bedding and helped us to get to know the area before everyone else arrived. It was a good opportunity to get to know the other international students. I found it very useful.

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

The style of teaching is the same as in the UK but the way classes are assessed is very different. I didn't have any final exams for the whole year instead I had lots of different quizzes and projects throughout the year, most of which were multiple choice. Even though I was doing the highest level of courses possible (400+) I didn't find them too hard. Getting on to courses was easy, international students get to choose their courses before anyone else (only a few hours before though), make sure you pick your courses as soon as possible to ensure you can do what you want to do.

MBS INTERNATIONAL OFFICE

I didn't really need to contact Manchester when I was at Umass but when i did the replies were quick.

MBS SECOND YEAR MEETINGS

The meetings told me everything that I needed to know, was good to talk to someone who had been before.

HOST INTERNATIONAL OFFICE

Level of support, additional information that could be useful for future students Pat Vokbus is so nice and very approachable as is the rest of the international office here, again i didn't need to see them much but they always sorted thing out quickly. I found that the business school had no idea who I was!!! So its always best to go to the international office as they have a better idea on most things!!

ACCOMMODATION

The accommodation was typical American it was weird sharing a room but I soon got used to it. Southwest is the nosiest and is where most things happen, I lived in central which is close to everything.

DESTINATION INFORMATION AND OVERALL EXPERIENCE

Umass is in quite a rural area and Amherst is tiny! Northampton is close by but only a little bit bigger, most local buses are free to students so it easy to get around. Travelling further afield is very easy, long distance buses leave from Umass. I travelled to Boston, New York, Montreal, Quebec, and Toronto. The buses are quite cheap to get and if your over 21 you can hire a car as well which if there is a few of you can be the same price but faster.

There are no clubs in Amherst and only a few bars, most of the partying take place in Frat houses and other houses but they are lots of fun and you will meet lots of people hopefully! The people on your floor and roommate will show you where the best places to go are. Its easy to get to know people when they hear your accent they will want to talk to you!

I was surprised at how the weather changes! It was 35degrees when we arrived in august and then -15 in winter, make sure your prepared!!!

DESCRIBE IN ONE SENTENCE YOUR YEAR ABROAD

An amazing experience, lots of travelling and partying and pulling my average grade up as well! Wish I could do it again.