

OUTGOING STUDENT FEEDBACK FORM 2009-2010

Programme: IMABS

University Attended: McGill University, Montreal, Quebec, Canada

INDUCTION/ORIENTATION PROGRAMME

Introduction consists of a 'Discover McGill' orientation day which is your standard tour of the uni, introduction day. It is a good way to meet people. 'Frosh' (freshers) is divided up by faculty and 4 days of activities and nights out are put on. It was very North American but good fun and an excellent chance to meet other students as you are placed into small groups for the 4 days. I would highly recommend signing up for the management frosh – and do it early as it fills up!

Overall the first week before classes is very well organised, although you have to take the initiative at the start to look in your handbook for where, when and what is going on or you will miss things!

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Academically, McGill is incredibly challenging and the work load is higher than that of Manchester. With that said though, the courses on offer are really really interesting with a huge amount on offer. The classes are usually about 20-40 people, twice a week for an hour and half. They are super interactive and the students are very keen. As exchange students though, everyone does seem to do fine, just be prepared for the competitiveness of the full time students! For me, academics did not get in the way whatsoever of my experience but I definitely benefited from the teaching there.

MBS INTERNATIONAL OFFICE

Very helpful and always responded to emails quickly

MBS SECOND YEAR MEETINGS

Helpful regarding visa info etc.

HOST INTERNATIONAL OFFICE

Helpful and accessible!

INSURANCE, HEALTH COVER

I had to pay compulsory health insurance cover despite the Manchester Insurance. I know of other students from abroad getting the cover waived, but did not seem to be the case for me. It costs around \$500CAD.

ACCOMMODATION

McGill does not provide accommodation for exchange students. It does have quite a good accommodation office though, with lists of places to rent. You can also use sites like craigslist.ca to find places. There are plenty of places available. I arrived very last minute and had to try and find a place to live whilst partying during my first week, however I did manage to get an apartment in the McGill Ghetto, the best possible location (5 min walk from uni, centre of town and party district). I paid

around C\$650 which is about the going rate for the location and was definitely worth the money.

DESTINATION INFORMATION AND OVERALL EXPERIENCE

Overall McGill so far has been amazing from day one. It is really easy to meet people, there are lots of exchange students (particularly Australians!) and there is something to do every night. Your English accent will be noticed a lot and everyone will be interested!

As the city with the largest proportion of students in North America, I would recommend it to anyone.

If you live in the McGill Ghetto you will never be bored, it is a 5 minute walk to uni and 5 mins from downtown Montreal and means you will not have to deal with public transport and the cold in the winter!

The teaching and academic side of McGill is really good.

DESCRIBE IN ONE SENTENCE YOUR YEAR ABROAD

Had the time of my life and would go back in a shot.