

OUTGOING STUDENT FEEDBACK FORM 2008-2009

Programme: International Management
University Attended: NHH, Bergen, Norway

INDUCTION/ORIENTATION PROGRAMME

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

"Welcome Week" was the best and busiest week of the entire exchange. All the exchange students are put into groups prior to arrival, and are allocated mentors (who are Norwegian or international Masters Students) - these are the people we spend our time with during Welcome Week. It was great fun - there was always something going on day and night (useful activities such as a tour of Bergen or the police to sort out the visas, as well as pub crawls and concerts), we didn't even have time to eat most meals. It lasted a week, I very strongly recommend you attend it or else you will hear about what you missed out on forever.

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Style of teaching, courses, ease of access to courses, methods of assessment, teaching support
You have to take 4 courses per semester. There aren't that many Bachelor courses to choose from, however there are many interesting Masters courses which we have access to (the workload and requirements are quite similar). Assessment usually involves coursework (group essay) and an exam at the end of the semester. It is difficult to fail, and it is difficult to get an A. Most people get Bs or Cs. Classes aren't very big, so it is easy to participate.

MBS INTERNATIONAL OFFICE

Level of support, additional information that could have been useful. I have not had to contact the International Office during my year abroad, but I was satisfied with the e-mails we got concerning the Erasmus grant and general information about our return to Manchester.

MBS SECOND YEAR MEETINGS

Any additional information that could have been useful

I think I had enough information - didn't want to go knowing more than the important practical information to keep an element of surprise.

HOST INTERNATIONAL OFFICE

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

They are amazing - very friendly, very helpful, very approachable. I can't think of anything they could have done better.

ACCOMMODATION

Same price as Manchester halls (or cheaper actually) but: big room, clean bathroom with underfloor heating, amazing view on the fjords... There are 5 Blocks of flats to choose from, but they're all next to each other so everyone you know lives less than 3-4min away. I would advise choosing A or B Block, they have been renovated. Free internet of course, and before going to IKEA to buy all your stuff it is worth having a look at the storage rooms of the buildings, because people leave a lot of things behind (ex: mattresses for guests, TVs, pillows, duvets, and many randoms).

DESTINATION INFORMATION AND OVERALL EXPERIENCE

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

Everything was perfect - there is so much to see in Norway and people are always up for roadtrips. Skiing one hour away during the season. Lots of events (concerts, student nights, homecoming, bierstube...) organized by student groups which everyone can attend and where you can meet local students. Campus is only a 10min busride from the centre, but grocery stores are 2mins away by walk.

DESCRIBE IN ONE SENTENCE YOUR YEAR ABROAD

I didn't want to leave!