

**2013-2014**

**University Attended: University of Economics, Prague**

## **FEEDBACK 1**

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### **INDUCTION/ORIENTATION PROGRAMME**

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

We had a week long orientation period, we attended a number of lectures and meetings explaining how the university operates and how we would fit into the exchange programme. We also received a presentation on the Czech Republic which was interesting.

### **ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE**

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

The teaching is similar to Manchester with lectures followed by seminars. However it is a little bit more detached as we are exchange students it tends to be a little bit harder to contact our professors. An aspect of learning I particularly enjoyed was the ability to take intensive courses. These were courses which spanned the entire day for a week. For me personally I found this a great way to learn, I learnt far more and really enjoyed many of the different styles of learning the guest lecturers brought.

### **MBS INTERNATIONAL TEAM**

Level of support, additional information that could have been useful

MBS team has been very useful keeping me up to date with all and any application processes, the only fault has been on me leaving the application process late.

### **MBS SECOND YEAR MEETINGS**

Any additional information that you feel could have been provided

The meetings were very useful, they helped us understand the application process and exactly what was to be expected of us during our study year abroad. We also had the chance to meet people from our placements which gave us a better understanding of what it was going to be like which was useful.

### **HOST INTERNATIONAL OFFICE**

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

Less helpful than MBS, It can be difficult to resolve problems as we are referred to other people over and over again. I personally had a problem where they had forgotten to advance my application to the second semester so I was unable to pick any courses, which then meant all the places for many of the courses I wanted to do had been filled. When I and a number of others confronted them about this problem, we didn't get an apology and they insisted it wasn't their fault which left us with very little choice in regard to course choices this year.

### **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

Fortunately I haven't had to use any of the insurance or Health Cover

### **INFORMATION ON ANY ADDITIONAL COSTS**

This should be information on any extra fees that the University charged but should not include accommodation, books, transport, visa etc.

There were one or two books to purchase however not too many additional costs.

## **ACCOMMODATION**

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

I stayed in Jarov 3 the main international student accommodation. It is very cheap less than £1000 for the entire year. However this really shows in the facilities, saying it is basic is being generous as it is very dated and in need of repairs and new facilities. There are also problems with communication and the staff are not very helpful and do not speak any English so using your assigned 'buddy' is a must. There are also a number of additional costs and fines, lost keys can be a fine of 2000 crowns which is around £60 and 5000 crowns for a noise complaint. They are not the most exchange friendly and it helps to have a Czech person you can trust on to call to come fight your corner as any plea in English is generally discounted. All that being said, I would still recommend Jarov 3 as it is so cheap. The main reason however is the social side to Jarov, it is where all the other exchange students live and is based in the student area. It was a great way to meet everyone and has been a lot of fun over the course of the year

## **DESTINATION INFORMATION AND OVERALL EXPERIENCE**

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

Tram pass is a must have. My buddy took me on the first day and it's the easiest way to get around.

Nation2nation is a student organised night and has been the highlight of my year. It's where i met all my friends and have had some of my best experiences. Also Czech Republic being so central in Europe many trips are organised , they are a fraction of the price you would normally pay and great fun.

## **DESCRIBE IN ONE SENTENCE YOUR YEAR ABROAD**

**My time in Prague has been an eye opening , life changing and memorable with some of the best adventures and travels I have ever experienced.**