

2013-2014

University Attended: University of Queensland

FEEDBACK 1

INDUCTION/ORIENTATION PROGRAMME

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

O-Week at UQ was very much up to you. I never had any correspondence from the business school as to what events were coming up and had to actively hunt to find out when the 'compulsory' introductory lectures were of which again were very brief. The introductory lecture for international students was more aimed at those who didn't speak English as a first common language giving very basic 'common sense' advice. There were about 2 lecture in total.

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

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

Style of teaching: Very similar to Manchester, large lecture small tutorials.

Ease of Access of courses: Very difficult and confusing to understand what you can study and can't. Have to seek approval for most courses. Not like Manchester in that everything is on one sheet of paper and you just have to choose.

Methods of assessment: Same as Manchester, group work, essays, presentations, exams.

Teaching support: Same as Manchester, lecture tutorials contact hours.

MBS INTERNATIONAL TEAM

Level of support, additional information that could have been useful

Spot on, cannot fault them, I didn't need to use their services, but was still nice to be contacted to see how I'm going.

MBS SECOND YEAR MEETINGS

Any additional information that you feel could have been provided

No, I'm very much a get stuck in and find out what happens person so I was happy. I'm sure for those that like planning, it may be worth noting that it can take 2-4 weeks living in hostels before you find somewhere/friends you want to live with.

HOST INTERNATIONAL OFFICE

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

Have not been contacted by them once.

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

Visa: \$360

OSHC: \$400 (worth noting that UQ does offer insurance on sign up put there cover is expensive and actually gives you less than if you find your own.

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.

Is worth noting the UQ library carries very few textbooks and all courses are almost designed to that you are forced to buy the textbook which are \$100+ in most cases.

ACCOMMODATION

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

I would really encourage living in halls. The university halls are very, very expensive but from what I have heard are good fun, only issue is that they are on campus which is away from the city with no public transport after dark.

Private halls such as urbanest or unilodge are great. Still a little expensive but for the ease and convenience they are great. I managed to sublet my room for summer which pretty much paid for all my travel.

Private rented is the cheapest but I have found that people often stick only to their house from that point onwards.

DESTINATION INFORMATION AND OVERALL EXPERIENCE

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

Transport is excellent, and cheap allowing you to travel southeast Queensland for free at weekends.

Social life: It is exactly what you make it. There are plenty of opportunities if you get involved.

Integration with locals: At university it is hard, and you will often rent with other internationals. Getting yourself a part time job is the best way to meet locals and it is very common. The majority of students have jobs.

DESCRIBE IN ONE SENTENCE YOUR YEAR ABROAD

Absolutely incredible, you get the opportunity to live in Australia, chill on the beaches, earn a fortune and travel the whole country then in Summer(winter) you have 3 months to go and travel everywhere else.