

# **OUTGOING STUDENT FEEDBACK FORM 2008-2009**

## **Programme IM**

### **University Attended Universitat St. Gallen**

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#### **INDUCTION/ORIENTATION PROGRAMME**

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

The induction lasted for a week and a half. It was useful as we had intensive German language courses and introduction sessions about the university and the surrounding area. The Buddy system also organised socials for all international exchange students during this time and this was very useful.

#### **ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE**

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

Teaching is good, many are experts in their fields and spoke a good level of English. The courses are shorter and sometimes are only half a semester or a week long. I personally like this format. Assessment consisted of essays, presentations and/or exams. Very similar to Manchester.

Teaching support was provided in the form of 'studynet'. Everything is provided on there which is nice and convenient.

#### **MBS INTERNATIONAL OFFICE**

Level of support, additional information that could have been useful

I think that you definitely need a basic level of German to get by here.

#### **MBS SECOND YEAR MEETINGS**

Any additional information that could have been useful

#### **HOST INTERNATIONAL OFFICE**

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

Very helpful and speak perfect English. Only criticism is the opening hours. Very specific.

#### **ACCOMMODATION**

The accommodation lost my application so I was rushed through the process and was found a nice place.

Second semester housing was excellent no complaints and would definitely recommend 'Blumenaustrasse 32' to any exchange student.

#### **DESTINATION INFORMATION AND OVERALL EXPERIENCE**

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

It's Switzerland so transport is amazing and to the second however you do pay for the privilege! Discount cards for trains are a must. Travel is excellent, night trains from Zurich, flights from airports in Switzerland are cheap and seeing as it borders 5 countries it's excellent for travel and skiing!

Social life was good, weekly nights out were organised be it between friends or by the university/buddy system.

Local students can be hit and miss, not all want to speak English and some can be reserved. However I did meet some really nice ones as well.

Activity groups are available such as sport. But most require German as activities apart from the buddy systems are run by the student union so therefore everything is in German.

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

An amazing experience with no regrets that will never be forgotten, so all in all well worth doing!!