

OUTGOING STUDENT FEEDBACK FORM 2008-2009

Programme International Management

University Attended Stockholm University School of Business

INDUCTION/ORIENTATION PROGRAMME

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

There is a senior buddy program run by the business school that organises events and parties for exchange students and their buddies. Whilst the activities themselves were nothing wildly exciting I found it a really good way of getting to know all the other business students and also a chance to make friends with some local Swedish students who we otherwise didn't have a great deal of contact with. There are a few events organised by the student union like city tours, bbqs and pub nights which again I found well worth going to as they are where you get to know people from other courses and other halls of residence.

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

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

I found the selection of courses to be something of a lottery, some people seemed to get onto every course they applied for whilst others ended up on courses taught in a language they didn't speak. The key was to chase Angelica, exchange coordinator, until she got you onto the right course. Lecturers varied hugely in style and level of support, generally it was hard to get a response from most university staff via e-mail the best way to get questions answered was face to face after lectures. Most courses focused heavily on group assignments and presentations which is an interesting contrast to Manchester. As English was not the first language for most students being a native English speaker was a distinct advantage when it came to academic work.

MBS INTERNATIONAL OFFICE

Level of support, additional information that could have been useful

I requested help from the MBS office once during the summer before I left as I was struggling to register for courses and they were fantastic. I received replies to e-mails very quickly and the problem was quickly resolved. I didn't have any further problems during the year that I had to ask for help with but it was reassuring to know that there was such a great source of help available if needed.

MBS SECOND YEAR MEETINGS

Any additional information that could have been useful

The best source of information is the people who are on their year abroad, I think people should be really encouraged to contact them and ask plenty of questions.

HOST INTERNATIONAL OFFICE

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

The primary contact for all exchange students is the exchange co-ordinator Angelica who has restricted office hours. It is very important therefore to be organised and to ensure you address any problems straight away and get forms signed well before the deadline because things can take longer than I was used to in Manchester.

ACCOMMODATION

Lappis is the largest, newest and closest to the university of the various student accommodation areas and definitely the one to apply for. I lived in solna cabins which were basic but had a brilliant community and atmosphere. It is a cliché but it's completely true that it's the people you live with that counts not the place.

DESTINATION INFORMATION AND OVERALL EXPERIENCE

Transport, travel, social life, integration with local students, student activity groups
Life in Sweden is quite expensive especially if you like drinking as the government monopolises the sale of alcohol so you can only buy it at bars, clubs, restaurants etc or at the government owned 'systembolaget' shops that charge more tax than the UK. Social life is totally what you make it, there is a lot of exchange students in Stockholm and the city itself is vibrant with a lot of nightlife and cultural attractions. It's also well placed to travel around Scandinavia and the Baltic region, the university organises a few cruises to Latvia and Estonia which are basically huge student party boats. Travel is expensive the cheapest way to get around is to buy a student semester travel card which is valid for the underground and most buses and ferries in the city. There isn't much in terms of societies and groups but there are sports teams, we tended to organise football games independently.

DESCRIBE IN ONE SENTENCE YOUR YEAR ABROAD

It felt more like a week than a year, it was seriously good fun.