

OUTGOING STUDENT FEEDBACK FORM – 2007/2008

Programme: BSc International Management

University Attended: University of Sydney

INDUCTION/ORIENTATION PROGRAMME

The uni run a week of admin sessions and general advice on getting to know Sydney. Some of these are useful, some are pointless but the daily information sessions and housing information sessions are useful for picking up tips on banking, tax, etc. as well as how to go about looking for accommodation if not already sorted out.

Their freshers week isn't as good as we have in Manchester but they have a couple of social events like welcome bbq's, and an international night are the best things available for meeting people.

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Teaching is a lot more hands on – tutorials always have class interaction and discussion of the weeks readings, and most courses have a participation mark (about 10% of total grade). Less marks are weighted on exams as well, usually under half the total grade for the subject, with the rest of the marks made up of a major essay, participation and presentation/mini essay. Lecturers and tute leaders all have consultation hours and email you when you need.

I did Australian and American History as my 2 non-management options and they were pretty good.

MBS INTERNATIONAL OFFICE

Didn't really need to contact them but check with them if you have any doubts about the modules.

MBS SECOND YEAR MEETINGS

Meetings were useful, but might have been a little clearer on subject requirements and for expectations of accommodation.

HOST INTERNATIONAL OFFICE

They were pretty good at answering any queries and sorted out all correspondence for me. I didn't need them much so can't really comment.

ACCOMMODATION

Not easy to find. Most people go out there with no accom as I did – be prepared to spend a while in hostels if you go out pretty late. Colleges on campus are OK but really pricey (over £200 a week) so the best thing to do I reckon is go out early (before the end of June) and look straight away at private houses, or try to arrange somewhere like Sydney Uni Village before you go out if you can. They have a housing office at the uni which is ok but you need to pester them – they have private housing for around £80-£100 a

week so go and see them as well. Newtown, Glebe, Camperdown and Darlington are pretty good places to look.

DESTINATION INFORMATION AND OVERALL EXPERIENCE

Sydney's an awesome city, got everything you want in a city as well as being close to loads of beaches. People over there are generally more chilled out and you'll start to see it as home straight away, but with better weather! Social life is similar to home though people tend to go out more at the weekends and not too much goes on in the week. Public transport is OK for getting around the city and to the beaches etc. As for travelling, loads of people backpack Australia so as a result there are loads of companies offering packages, campervan rentals etc and there are cheap airlines aswell. Local students can be a bit difficult to integrate with as a lot live with their parents/in colleges so you'll prob spend more time with other international students. Having said that the majority of local students are friendly but you'll just have less opportunities to meet them. There's loads of student groups if that interests you, the uni's got a really good sporting rep. as well so lots of things available.

DESCRIBE IN ONE SENTENCE YOUR YEAR ABROAD

Immense.