

2013-2014

University Attended: UNC Chapel Hill / Kenan-Flagler Business School

FEEDBACK 1

INDUCTION/ORIENTATION PROGRAMME

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

There was a short introduction meeting for all exchange students as well as an introduction meeting exclusively for KFBS exchange students. We received information about things like choosing courses, and waiving your health insurance and there was a campus tour at the end.

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

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

The style of teaching at KFBS is very different to MBS – it's much more like high school. All but one of my courses had mandatory attendance and for most courses class attendance/participation counted towards the final grade. The teaching style is very hands on with many guest speakers and case studies. None of my finals have counted for more than 40 % of my final grade because you have to do lots of homework assignments, midterms and group work throughout the semester.

I highly recommend taking the following courses (if you are specialising in these subject areas): Advanced Spreadsheet Modelling (Travis Day), Negotiations (Jessica Christian) and Financial Reporting (Jana Raedy). Advanced Spreadsheet Modelling (Excel) was definitely the most useful course I've taken at KFBS because it teaches you something you can directly apply in your future job.

MBS INTERNATIONAL TEAM

Level of support, additional information that could have been useful

I think the MBS International Team was great. They were very easy to contact and always replied immediately whenever I needed something.

MBS SECOND YEAR MEETINGS

Any additional information that you feel could have been provided

I liked the meetings because they provided good background information about going on exchange. The meeting with the MBS students who went to KFBS the year before was really helpful as they provided good guidance about housing and course choices.

HOST INTERNATIONAL OFFICE

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

The host international office was a bit slower to reply than MBS but nonetheless they were very friendly. Due to the UNC course choice system, exchange students aren't able to choose courses for the spring semester until all other students have chosen courses so many of them are filled up by the time you get to choose. However, Kim the exchange coordinator reserved me seats in all the classes I wanted to take so I would advise you to approach her at the end of the first semester and ask her to do the same for you.

INSURANCE, HEALTH COVER

Please include any information relating to the purchase of compulsory health insurance i.e. costs etc. or whether this was waived by having the University of Manchester Insurance Policy

UNC waived the health insurance because they accepted the UoM insurance policy. The whole process took more than 6 weeks so it's best to contact them early about this.

INFORMATION ON ANY ADDITIONAL COSTS AND FINANCIAL CERTIFICATION

This should be information on any extra fees that the University charged but should not include accommodation, books, transport, visa etc. Any information that you had to provide on financial certificate would be helpful.
Upon arrival at KFBS you have to pay a \$ 100 administration fee but you also get over a \$ 100 printing credit from the university.

ACCOMMODATION

As much information as possible on what accommodation is recommended or not recommended.
I lived in university accommodation since I didn't have time to search for private options. You can choose your dorm room through an online system that allows you to pick a specific room from a floor plan. For the first 3 months I lived in a shared room in Craige North but it wasn't for me. I contacted the housing office and moved to Ram Village fairly quickly after my moving request. Ram Village is on South campus, only 2 minutes from the Business School and one of two apartment style housing options at UNC. Most KFBS exchange students seem to live on South Campus because it closer to the Business School than North Campus but it's also further away from Franklin Street and most older students live on North Campus.

DESTINATION INFORMATION AND OVERALL EXPERIENCE

Transport, travel, social life, integration with local students, student activity groups
*I found it very easy to integrate with local students as there are very few international students at UNC compared to UoM and I was often the only non-American in my classes. I joined the UNC Handball Club at the beginning of the year and it was a great opportunity to meet American students and do a bit of travelling so I would very much recommend joining a UNC sports team.
I went to all home Football games and as many Basketball games as possible because the atmosphere / school spirit is just amazing – The whole city seems to get excited for any kind of major sports event (especially ones involving Duke or NC State).
Chapel Hill is a great travel location if you want to go down South to Charleston or Florida, but it's also only 4 hours away from Washington DC. It's worth checking out prices for buses and trains if you want to travel and have some time since they are a lot cheaper than flying. Spring break was definitely my most fun and relaxing holiday as we went on a cruise to the Caribbean for 7 days.*

DESCRIBE IN ONE SENTENCE YOUR YEAR ABROAD

My year in the USA has gone by way to fast and I really enjoyed living in Chapel Hill, travelling around North America, going to Football games, rushing Franklin Street after UNC beat Duke, the warm weather – too many things to list!