

OUTGOING STUDENT FEEDBACK FORM – 2007/2008

Programme International Management with American Business Studies

University Attended College of William and Mary

INDUCTION/ORIENTATION PROGRAMME

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

One week international students orientation which was a little dull but gave a great opportunity to meet other English people studying there for the year that I ended up being great friends with.

One week orientation as a 'transfer' student with a lot of others alongside the fresher's etc. Was a great experience meeting all the people and truly being welcomed in to the College by the president etc. An amazing welcome to an hugely full of pride university.

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

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

You get to choose any class that you'd like and get over-rides if it's full which is perfect. You can ask to meet the professors before hand and they are all very friendly and approachable. The learning experience is tremendous, fully hands-on and practical rather than theory which gives you a good stead in anything you may want to do in the future, plus very good C.V. fillers when you're working with companies. Normally a professor and a professional in most classes and it gives you a whole new perspective.

Classes are very participative but also very informal.

MBS INTERNATIONAL OFFICE

Level of support, additional information that could have been useful

n/a

MBS SECOND YEAR MEETINGS

Any additional information that could have been useful

n/a

HOST INTERNATIONAL OFFICE

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

Huge amount of support from helping you with your visa to any problems with anything throughout the entire day, they are very friendly and helpful no matter what the problem is. They also do a number of trips throughout the year which are great opportunities to travel.

ACCOMMODATION

Try to get air conditioning as it is very hot and humid until October/November. Chandler does not have a/c so I would try to avoid. Randolph complex is nice. Jamestown is nicest buildings but unlikely to get in there. I was in Weston Hall basement which wasn't as bad as it sounds but would try to avoid! Second semester was in a fraternity house which was a lot better as you get to live with 50 of your best mates. Room mates situation is weird at first but you quickly get used to it.

DESTINATION INFORMATION AND OVERALL EXPERIENCE

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

Best way to travel is to find people with cars and they often let you borrow them as well. To be honest, the year wouldn't be the same had I not joined a fraternity. The Greek System is huge on campus as it's the first college in the US to have it. About 1/3 students are Greek and they host events and a huge social calendar throughout the year. I'm sure there's activities outside the Greek arena, but I would not be able to comment. It's a great way to meet people and you'll definitely find people that you are compatible with.

Being English in a small (6000 student) campus means that everyone knows you so it's very different from Manchester – in a great way, you won't go anywhere without seeing half your best friends.

Richmond airport easiest to use, return flights stopping in New York for about £300-400 return and a shuttle service called Groome is \$35 to your doorstep at W&M about 45mins away.

Everything is cheap!! Don't get the Gold Plus meal plan as you will not use it all. I would recommend Gold 14 or even a block, however you can test one out in first semester and change in second.

DESCRIBE IN ONE SENTENCE YOUR YEAR ABROAD

Unforgettable experience with the most inviting people I have ever met – Please let me go back!!