

2013-2014

University Attended : Vienna University of Economics

FEEDBACK 1

INDUCTION/ORIENTATION PROGRAMME

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

Upon my arrival I received a welcome package with instructions. It included a list with all of steps that I have to take to complete my registration and was very helpful.

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

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

The style of courses is similar to the one in the UK. The lectures are longer and the time slots are often subject to change, but this wasn't a problem in my case. However, the registration for courses is a difficult process. The registration opens at a particular time and in 10 minutes most of the courses are full. As I wasn't aware of that the first time, I started my registration an hour later and I was unable to attend some of the classes that I would have wanted to.

MBS INTERNATIONAL TEAM

Level of support, additional information that could have been useful

The MBS International Team was extremely helpful. I had health problems and I had to arrive to Vienna later than expected, but upon my arrival here I had absolutely no problems, because the MBS International Team had informed everyone about my delay. Thank you again for the support.

MBS SECOND YEAR MEETINGS

Any additional information that you feel could have been provided

The second year meeting provided me with enough information. The slides from the meeting have answered to my questions a couple of times.

HOST INTERNATIONAL OFFICE

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

The International Office in Vienna is also really helpful, however, they have very specific working hours, which causes a bit of a confusion sometimes. They work with students only 3-4 days a week for 3-5 hours.

INSURANCE, HEALTH COVER

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

I haven't purchased any kind of additional insurance and I haven't used the one provided by the University of Manchester.

INFORMATION ON ANY ADDITIONAL COSTS

This should be information on any extra fees that the University charged but should not include accommodation, books, transport, visa etc.

There was a fee of 18 Euros per semester for registration (this includes the student card). Important thing is that in Vienna most of the payments are made with Maestro cards (as opposed to the UK, where most of the transactions are made with Visa cards). This has been an issue for me a couple of times. However, by registering in an Austrian bank, you are given a Maestro card.

ACCOMMODATION

As much information as possible on what accommodation is recommended or not recommended.

My accommodation was Haus Panorama. I think it is the biggest accommodation in Vienna and there are many exchange students in the halls. There are special rooms for everything – piano room, TV room, party room and other. The rooms are also nice and most of them are in small apartments with one more room. Overall, the facilities are in good condition. It is a bit far from the university, but the transport is very convenient.

DESTINATION INFORMATION AND OVERALL EXPERIENCE

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

Vienna is a great city, there are a lot of places to visit. The transport network is really well structured and the costs are not high with the university ticket. Almost everyone in Vienna speaks English, therefore, the communication and integration weren't a problem. The Erasmus Buddy Network provides great opportunities to meet other exchange students and make friends.

DESCRIBE IN ONE SENTENCE YOUR YEAR ABROAD

Sunny, refreshing and amazing experience at the heart of Europe, which gave me the opportunity to travel a lot and meet a lot of friends.