



The University of Manchester
Alliance Manchester Business School

BSc International Management with American Business Studies – Year Abroad Feedback for 2015-16

Exchange university attended:	University Of Massachusetts
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Please give as much information as you can about the following topics:

Induction/Orientation Programme What did this involve, how long did it last, was it useful?	It was a week long and involved lots of fun activities that allowed us to get to know the other international students. It was a week before any of the other students arrived so that we could get a feel for the University.
Academic Experience Style of teaching, courses, ease of access to courses, methods of assessment, teaching support.	The academic experience is very different to Manchester. They give you continuous assessment throughout the year which relieves stress and keeps you on top of your studies. The teachers are very helpful and want you to do well so will do whatever they can to assist you.
Host International Office Level of support, additional information that could be useful for future students.	The international programs office at UMass is so helpful.
Insurance and/or 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.	You are required to get the Universities own insurance while studying at UMass. It allows you to go to the on-campus health centre whenever your feeling ill.
Information on any addition costs This should be information on any extra fees that the University charged but should not include accommodation, books, transport, visa etc.	They charge you an extra fee for staying in the halls for the initial induction week at the start of the Fall Semester which they don't tell you about. The fee was around \$50.
Accommodation As much information as possible on what accommodation is recommended or not recommended.	I lived in Northeast and really enjoyed it but I have to admit I didn't spent that much time in the dorm as I was always busy with my sorority. Southwest is considered the place to live as it's very sociable. However, Northeast, North Apartments and Central are sociable but just slightly quieter which I enjoyed.
Destination information and overall experience Transport, travel, social life, integration with local students, student activity groups.	Transport links to Boston, The Cape, New York and Canada are incredible. The buses go everyday and this really helped me travel. There are buses that go round campus throughout the day making it easy to get around. I joined Chi Omega which is a Sorority on campus which really aided my social life and throughout the year my friends were all from America. It really helped my integration and feel like I was not just an international student.
Describe your year abroad in a sentence!	Without a shadow of a doubt the best year of my life!

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