



My Exchange Evaluation

Basic Information

Host University	University of Manchester, Alliance Manchester Business School
Semester & Year of Exchange	Semester 2, 2023
Otago degree(s)	Bachelor of Commerce
Major(s)	Finance, Marketing

Academics/ course load

Which papers did you take whilst on exchange?

Course title	Language of instruction	Otago equivalent
BMAN20271	English	MART210
BMAN30071	English	Unspecified FINC300
BMAN30111	English	FINC303

Total Otago credits gained: 54 points 72 points 108 points _____

Any comments about these papers?

Extremely similar content to papers taken at Otago.

BMAN30071 and BMAN 30111 had weighting of 100% on final exam.

How did the academic experience/ workload/ style of teaching differ from Otago?

Academic experience was very similar to Otago. The workload was about the same. The difference was that there was time in class, more of an expectation to self-study and a lot of readings. Teaching style was the same in terms of lectures and tutorials/seminars.

Accommodation

What accommodation did you stay in? What were the pros and cons of your accommodation?

I stayed in Oak House on the Fallowfield campus, one of the many campuses that the University has but this one I would definitely recommend as it is very social and nearby to many of the student pubs and bars.

Oak house was the cheapest accommodation for students in halls. It is often referred to as “the prison”, but has recently been renovated so it is really not that bad. A lot of people complain about Oak house but it is actually quite nice and a lot of fun.

Cons would be that you will probably be with first year uni students. I was lucky in that my flatmates were of similar age to me as a lot of students do take gap years.

Money matters

Please detail your basic costs, e.g. accommodation, flights, visa, food, insurance

Accommodation: 113 pounds/week

Flights: \$3000 NZD return (book in advance)

Food; \$60/week

Insurance: \$500

What means did you use to access your finances? What would you recommend? (Credit card, Cash passport, foreign bank account, etc.)

I used my **Wise** card everywhere I went. Can use it easily on your phone to convert currencies with low rates. Can easily transfer money over from NZ banks.

Visas & Insurance

Did you have to apply for a visa? What was the process?

No Visa required for less than 6 months

Did your host university have a mandatory insurance?

No

Extra-curricular/Social Activities

What organised activities were available to students? What extra-curricular activities would you recommend to future exchange students?

A lot of societies and clubs both academic and sporting. They were great, events every week including societies night on a Wednesday which was always good fun. Would recommend these clubs as you make a lot of friends outside of the halls.

What was the university/ city like?

The University was very nice, the business school is very modern and has a lot of study space. Can get bus from Fallowfield all the way up Oxford road to the University and it carries straight on to the city centre. The city of Manchester is very underrated, it is a huge city with plenty to do. Public transport is very good and would recommend buying a bus pass.

Any recommendations for things to do, places to visit, places to eat etc.?

I would definitely say try and get to some football games (Manchester United and Manchester City). Have been to quite a few games and the atmosphere is electric and the fans are crazy!!

Any tips for future students?

Have fun and do as much as you can. The exchange will go very quickly and you'll be leaving before you know it.

Do lots of travelling, the airport at Manchester is very good!

Overall Experience

Please write one paragraph (or more) about your exchange experience. Please include some photos!

Exchange was 100% worth it. I had a great time and made some extremely good friends, I did a lot of travelling with my friends and these were some of the best times.

I was a bit uncertain at first about going on exchange but all uncertainty was swept away very quickly. I've been put in unfamiliar situations, been able to travel the world and experience new cultures. As a result, I feel like I've really grown in confidence and grown as a person entirely.

The exchange experience is unmatched to anything you would do in Dunedin. However, I am missing summer back home right now!