

## University of North Carolina Chapel Hill

### **Module IV (March 21- May 8) 2016 Master of Business Administration**

#### **Accommodation:**

Since I was only attending UNC for a module, I decided to use Airbnb to find an apartment. There are a bunch of great houses and rooms located near the campus and especially near the business school. If you are going for the whole semester (January-May or August- December) then I would stay at 1100 Mason Farm Road. A few of my classmates stayed there and it is a more social environment very close to the business school with apartment like rooms (2 beds, 2 bath, 1 living room). Patricia at UNC can help you find things you might need for your apartment. A lot of older exchange students sell things that they will not need and do not want to take back with them.

#### **Money Matters:**

Flying to the US is expensive. Once in the US flights are roughly \$300 but if you are traveling with your entire luggage, then there will be a higher fee. Southwest Airlines does not charge for your luggage but you will want to check how much weight they allow. Food is much cheaper than in Dunedin.

#### **Academic Course Load:**

The classes at UNC are more realistic than the academic papers you take at Otago. While there is some group work there are not that many deliverables. Grading includes HP, P and LP for passing remarks. Most people obtain a P (Pass) without much difficulty. The teachers want you to learn the concepts instead of one situation. I really enjoyed all my classes and looked forward to going to class!

#### **Transportation:**

Chapel Hill and UNC both have really good bus systems. All buses are free in Chapel Hill. You do have to pay if you want to go to Raleigh or Durham. The campus is beautiful so I walked most days. Uber is also another option but is hard to find once in Chapel Hill so beware of surge charges.

#### **Weather:**

The weather is warm and beautiful in the spring (March-May). While you will still need a jacket for nighttime, most people wear shorts to class. During breaks a lot of people go sit on the lawn outside of the business school.

#### **Eating:**

Al's Burger Shack – YUMMY!!!

Top of the Hill- has everything and turns into a bar at night

Old Chicago – pizzas and wings

Dame's Chicken and Waffles – if you're not from the South this might sound disturbing but it is delicious! It is located in Durham so is a trek but so worth it.

Most food and activity happens on Franklin Street.

**Things to do/ Places to Visit:**

If possible stay for the beach week. It sounded really fun and is a great way to celebrate the end of your degree. You should also go to a beach. While they are a few hours away, it was a nice break. We went to Kura beach, which was perfect tanning weather. When we went the water was still too cold to get in.

I had friends who went to Charleston, which is supposed to be amazing!

Also Asheville was gorgeous. We went to the Biltmore and did the tours there. It is a remarkable house and was ahead of its time.

Go to the Carolina Casuals. They are sporadic but always on Thursdays and provide free beer (if you have your cup) and some appetizers. Make sure to get there early because the food tends to go quick. This is a great way to save money.

Make sure you attend a basketball game if you are there during the Spring. UNC is known for their basketball program and went to the finals while I was there.