

School of Management
University of Bath, England
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Introduction

exchange destination. University of Bath in England, whether o

Administration student, should be on the top of your list. My name is Emily and I spent my
exchange semester in Bath during Fall 2014, which has been one of the best experiences of my
I finished high school and I am so glad I did. If

opportunity.

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and the city is known for its beauty and history. Even more, University of Bath is a highly ranked school in the UK and it offers a wide range of courses, particularly for both of my majors (International Studies and Business Administration). The fall semester usually begins at the end of September and final exams finish at the end of January so that is something to consider as the academic calendar is different than that of SFU. As a Business student, I was able to take alternative assessments (extra papers and one early exam) but if you are pretty early in your university career, I would suggest staying until the end of January and taking advantage of travelling opportunities after that.

Preparation for exchange

I would definitely recommend reading other exchange reports and questionnaire as I found

and you will learn most to ask for help

website. I found the link below very useful as it gave me an idea of what to expect before I left:

Visa

As I was not going to be staying for more than 6 months and I , I did not need to apply for a visa. The University provides an entry clearance as Student Visitor, which is basically a piece of paper confirming your exchange semester dates, etc. I didn working or doing anything besides studying, thus it was the most optimal choice for me. You are still allowed to travel in and out of the UK with the entry clearance but you need to make sure that you always bring the document with you as you need to go through customs when arriving back in the UK.

Packing

In terms of packing, the climate is quite similar to Vancouver, at least in the fall semester. Make sure

You continue paying tuition fees to SFU, which is great as you can automatically have a pretty

charge for Business courses which you normally do (yay!). Moreover, other exchange reports offer a pretty good idea of what costs to expect. Financial Aid & Awards also offers a nice budgeting template so check it out.

During Exchange

Arrival and Orientation

I arrived a day before the Freshers
offers a free coach service from Heathrow Airport several times that weekend so I would highly
right to the doorsteps of your

more information on the service).	

Make sure to book pretty early in advance as seats fill up fast! I arrived quite late but there are all types of tours that run that weekend aimed at first year students which you should take advantage off as well. I also highly recommend doing the free city tour that meets pretty much every day in front of the Roman Baths. Try to do at the beginning of your ti you become more familiar with the city. You can find more information on that and what to do in the city, below:

The University orientation was a week long. As I said

students and a few other activities for the School of Management. They are mandatory but most reat way to meet other exchange students. I met some of my closest exchange friends during these activities.

Accommodation and living

I lived in Pulteney Court which is about a 5-10 minute walk from the city center. The location was fantastic and it was also great to have many other exchange students living in the same building. I had my own room and shared a bathroom and a kitchen with two other people. The flats range between 3-5 people. Beware that there are only two washers and dryers for the e since then), and doing laundry is quite pricey.

This accommodation was the cheapest option. Another residence, Thornbank Gardens, is newer

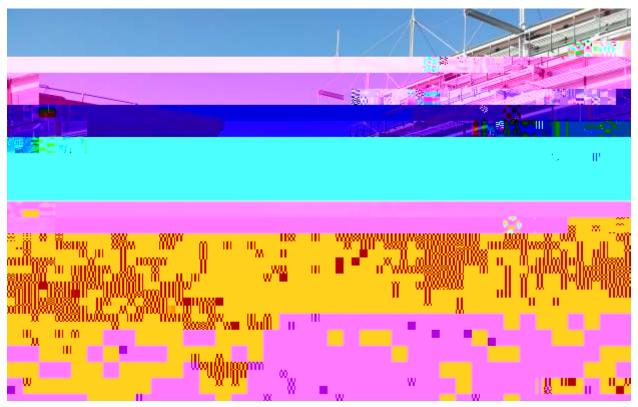
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In terms of transit, there are bus stops near all accommodations, whichever you end up in. You

Social and extra-curricular activities

University of Bath has a lively student union which offers a wide variety of extra-curricular activities and societies. Sports are also quite popular and the university has an award-

But the best and the most important advice I can give is that if you have the opportunity, go on or second-guess yourself. It will be absolutely worth it.

Photos



Above: University of Bath campus. Below: Visiting Oxford with some of my exchange friends.

