

Exchange Report

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Kelley School of Business



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Part I – Monthly Activity Log

January 2017

I arrived Indiana University on a snowy night. The campus was quiet. There were few people on the street. Five days later, spring semester commenced.



February 2017

Traditional Chinese New Year arrived in February. It was the first time that I spent Chinese New Year away from my parents, with a group of Chinese people in a foreign country.



March 2017

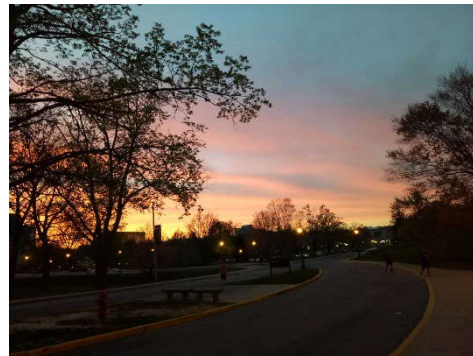
Finally, water fountain resumed operation. From Monday

to Thursday, twice a day, I walked from Kelley School of Business in the north, to Wylie Hall in the south, through a hill, a water fountain, and a garden with squirrels.



April 2017

The semester came to an end, except for the final week. We, exchange students from and to Indiana University, had a farewell dinner, before we viewed a fantastic sunset.



May 2017

Time to go. A last glance at the lovely garden. Leaving in the rain.



Part II – General Exchange Information

Visa Procedures

Make sure to pay SEVIS fee before applying for visa interview online. Make sure to plan ahead and bring all required documents to US embassy for visa application.

Orientation Activities

It is highly recommended to attend orientation activities, to learn about Indiana University, be familiar with other exchange students, and consult with course registration. It will take place within one week before the first day of class.

International Services and Activities

Kelley School of Business is well-known for its consulting clubs. Exchange students can participate in all levels of case competitions. Students can also go beyond business school and join independent clubs at university level.

Indiana University is famous for music and sports.

Accommodations

Exchange students can opt to live on-campus or off-campus. The most affordable rent is around USD500 per month.

Course Registration

A list of business courses will be provided three months before classes start.

Exchange students can also register for courses outside business school, depending on availability. Registering honors courses and graduate courses requires an ability assessment.

Teaching and Assessment Methods

Teachers are of various background. Lecturers do not hold a PhD degree, but may have working experience and/or field studies as compensation.

Professors typically have a solid academic background.

Sports and Recreation Facilities

Basketball courts are everywhere, and there are three aquatic courts. Besides, specific courts for various sports, including table tennis, badminton, tennis, are provided.

Finance and Banking

ATM branches are located at the center of campus. It is highly recommended to open a US bank account. Remember to bring passport and student ID.

Social Clubs and Networking Opportunities

A club festival will be held at the beginning of each semester. Students can

sign up and become a member of interested clubs. Normally, an exchange student for a single semester cannot join an organizational board.

Health and Safety

Indiana University has a health center located near Kelley School of Business. It is highly recommended that students stay healthy and avoid seeking help from a doctor unless affordability is not a concern.

Food

Chinese student can conveniently buy food at supermarket and cook by themselves. Make sure to be aware of the fire alarm.

Transportation

To get to Indiana University, students can take a taxi from Indianapolis airport. Program Coordinator at Kelley School of Business also provides limited pick-up service.

Climate

At Bloomington, where Indiana University is located, there is a wild fluctuation in temperature. Make sure to download an APP and watch weather report every day.

Communication

Professors are easy to reach. Besides, email is also a convenient way to communicate. Students typically use Group Me.

Cautionary Measures

Indiana University provides periodic safety report and emergency report. In general, Indiana University has a very safety score among universities in US.

Other Notes

Remember to pay a tip at a restaurant.

Part III – Items to Bring

Coat, Sweater, Jacket, Blanket, Bed Sheets, Pillows, Notebook, USB, Camera, Cellphone, Charger, Medicine, Passport with DS-2019, Umbrella, Towel, Sunglasses, Sneakers, Slippers

Part IV – Useful Links and Contacts

Indiana University

www.indiana.edu

Kelley School of Business

www.kelley.iu.edu