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Q12. Any Additional Comments or Feedback:

Great program!!

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Q13. Name

Gregory Torbic

Q1. Which program did you participate in?

European MBA Summer Institute (WHU - Otto Beisheim School of Management)

Q2. Please describe the academic rigor, focus, and quality:

The program provided a broad overview of a number of subject areas (e.g., finance, entrepreneurship, brand management, business taxation, etc.) with a heavy focus on differences in those areas/market segments between the United States and Europe. Given the broad range of subject areas covered by the program, the content was not overly challenging. However, the content was intriguing and provided a good overview of current and past business practices in Europe.

Q3. Professors and teaching style:

The professors were all very knowledgeable and ensured that the class discussion was lively and interesting. The professors did a great job of emphasizing the key points of each lesson and connecting those points to differences between business practices in the United States and in Europe, where possible.

Q4. Fellow participants (which schools were they from, how old, etc?):

There were approximately 40 participants in the session that I attended. Nearly half were from the University of Michigan, approximately 10-12 were from various universities in Australia, and the remaining participants were from Rice University, American University, and Georgia Tech. The participants ranged in age from late 20s to early 40s, with most participants in their late 20s/early 30s.

Q5. Please describe any company visits:

We took four company visits as part of the program: European Central Bank (included presentations on monetary policy and banking supervision in Europe); Commerzbank (included a tour of the trading floor and presentations on a variety of financial products and European capital markets); Brabus (included a tour of Brabus’ factories and presentation on the strategic challenges facing the business); and Metro Group (included a presentation on Metro Group’s urban gardens initiative).
Q6. Social outings:

There were four "official" social outings as part of the program: a welcome dinner on campus; a boat trip to and tour of Koblenz, followed by dinner and drinks at a lounge in Koblenz; a visit to Castle Burg Eltz; and a wine tasting and farewell dinner.

Q7. Accommodations:

Housing provided by the program was typical of student accommodations at most universities. Housing was clean and definitely fine for a two-week program, but by no means luxurious.

Q8. Best points of the experience:

The program provided a great opportunity to network with students from other MBA programs. The professors did a great job of making sure that the courses were interesting and provided the right level of detail. The company visits were interesting and, generally, tied in well to topics discussed in the course the previous day.

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Q13. Name

Purav Shah

Q1. Which program did you participate in?

WHU - Germany

Q2. Please describe the academic rigor, focus, and quality:

The entire program was designed to teach applications of concepts learnt in our MBA program to Europe. Understanding how European cultures affects the strategies one would normally employ while doing business was very unique and insightful. The rigor was average and the quality was high.

Q3. Professors and teaching style:

Most professors were very good. Their teaching style was very similar to those at Kellogg.

Q4. Fellow participants (which schools were they from, how old, etc)?

Texas A&M, ASU, University of Western Australia, Georgia Institute of Technology, Washington University in St. Louis, Australian Graduate School of Management, University of Iowa, Melbourne Business School, University of North Carolina, University of Hawaii, Lancaster University Age - 27 to 35

Q5. Please describe any company visits:

European Central Bank, Commerzbank, Robert Weil Winery
Q6. Social outings:

Koblenz tour, Frankfurt tour

Q7. Accommodations:

Average - Small apartments but had all basic necessities

Q8. Best points of the experience:

Diversity - The group was very diverse. It would great to learn in a different environment and understand different cultures.

Q9. Worst points or ideas for improvement:

Some of the topics were very basic. It should have been assumed that students coming to the program know the basics and the topics could thus have been more advanced/intense.

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Germany - WHU Exchange

Q2. Please describe the academic rigor, focus, and quality:

The quality was great, it was financial focus, other topics touched were small business / luxury brand management and entrepreneurship.

Q3. Professors and teaching style:

Q4. Fellow participants (which schools were they from, how old, etc?):

Students are from US, Singapore (NSU), Australia (ie. University of Western Australia) and UK (Lancaster University).

Q5. Please describe any company visits:

The preparation done by the company that we visit were great, very quality presentation and very informative.

Q6. Social outings:

Very nice winery visit, local tour and dinner events.
Q7. Accommodations:

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Q12. Any Additional Comments or Feedback:

Great program!!
Q1. Which program did you participate in?  
WHU - Otto Beisheim University (Germany) Session 2

Q2. Please describe the academic rigor, focus, and quality:

The academics were not extremely difficult but were very high quality. Discussion around the business and economic factors to consider in the Eurozone were very good. Classes also included discussion around significant current events, such as the European Central Bank and "Brexit".

Q3. Professors and teaching style:

The professors were high quality with deep experience in their respective areas. Teaching styles varied by topic/professor but overall was very engaging.

Q4. Fellow participants (which schools were they from, how old, etc?):

A large percentage of the class was from Australia, some students from ASU, Iowa, Texas A&M, American University. Most students were generally in the 28-35 age range, with some exceptions.

Q5. Please describe any company visits:

We visited the European Central Bank, Commerzbank, and Weingut Robert Weil (winery). The company visits were very helpful to gain a better understanding of how businesses operate in Europe. You don't go very deep but it is a good high level overview.
Q6. Social outings:

Social outings sponsored by the school included a visit to a castle, a boat trip to Koblenz, and various dinners. These were all good outings.

Q7. Accommodations:

Vallendar is a nice little German town that basically has just the University. The University doesn't have its own dorms, so you stay in local apartments, which have the basic necessities. You are out the whole time anyway, so don't spend much time in the apartment.

Q8. Best points of the experience:

From an academic standpoint, the lectures were very applicable if you are interested in or have experience doing business in Europe. From a social standpoint, the weekend in between the two weeks of classes provided a great opportunity to get a group together and travel Europe.

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