

# Dual Degree Report

## Purdue University, Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr. School of Business

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### Preparation

#### ➤ **Application & Nomination**

IMBA students matching the criteria have the opportunity to apply for the dual degree program. For different target partner school, applicants need to completely submit different required document set to IMBA office for application before deadline. After applicants are officially nominated as dual degree program candidates from IMBA and acquired the official nomination letter from IMBA office, candidates can start the application on Purdue University website for completing the whole application process.

#### ➤ **KIRA Interview**

The KIRA Interview is a system for applicants to record their online interview video for their applications. Not sure about whether this process still a part of the application or not, applicants can still find some sharing online for preparation. In KIRA Interview, applicants will not directly have an interview with an interviewer but only several recorded video of the questions for applicants to answer. In each question, there are a short period of time for preparation and answering individually for applicants to settle down and conduct the video recording.

#### ➤ **F-1 Visa and I20**

Since applicants receive official admission letter from Purdue University, applicants should start the process of producing their I20 and F-1 visa, which are the official document for the student identity and legal stay in the United States. Applicants need to produce their I20 through Purdue ISS website and then the following process for the F-1 visa at the American Institute in Taiwan (AIT). This process is extremely important so do to pay close attention for the whole time required.

### Accommodation

➤ **Rent**

Based on there is no school housing for graduate students in Purdue University, graduate students need to find a private apartment or a share house for their own. After receiving the admission letter, Purdue University will provide a manual guide for incoming students to have basic concept about areas around Purdue campus then students can decide where is the place they want to live. On average, rent around campus is around \$1400-2000 USD for a single person room and could be lower if there are roommates to share a house or a multi-room apartment together.

➤ **Transportation**

It is pretty convenient and totally free to move around the whole campus and the supermarkets located at Lafayette area or West Lafayette area by taking the Citybus transportation system with Purdue student ID. Other than Citybus, students in campus basically travel around with bicycles, skateboards or barely on their foot. If the destinations are other States or cities far away, choices such as long-distant shuttles, trains, private cars and airplanes are the methods you can choose based on your travel budget.

➤ **Living cost**

According to sharing from senior students, living costs such as food price or fuels has been raising sharply in the past 5 years. Before I left Purdue, a meal is about \$15 USD in a fast food restaurant and about \$20-30 USD in a general restaurant. Alternatively, students can also buy raw food from supermarkets and cook in their own places.

## **Study at Purdue**

➤ **Courses**

There are three different categories of courses for the MSGSCM program which are core classes, electives and business electives. As a dual degree student from NCCU, credits of core classes are required for graduation at both sides (in my understanding). The price for international students is \$1575 USD per credit. As a student trained from pharmaceutical background, lectures about supply chain truly took me a while to catch up, including the requirements for assignments and the time to master case studies. Other than that, the pace of studying in Daniel School of Business in Purdue is much more intense than universities in Taiwan. Each

semester is split into 2 modules and the content of each module is basically set as a semester that Taiwanese students are used to have in Taiwan thus it is pretty common to have a same course twice or even three times per week and not to mention the anxiety of deadline for piling assignments never stops until the end of each module or semester.

➤ **Leisure Activities**

Personally feeling, comparing to undergraduates or students other than business school, the pace of study in Daniel school of business is much more intense due to continuous case studies and the short periods between each deadline for assignments especially. In this situation plus the environment around Purdue, the most common leisure activities are listed below.

- ✧ Sports in the gym or private apartments
- ✧ Watch sport games (online or courtside)
- ✧ Shopping in the supermarkets or stores
- ✧ A walk at West Lafayette or Lafayette
- ✧ Social events (private or held by organizations)
- ✧ Watch dramas online
- ✧ Video games

## **Conclusion**

Facing the brand new environment in Purdue University and the United States, I pay pretty much attention on studies and related or even unrelated knowledge to broaden my vision. However, there are always ample expectations for every student especially from the dual degree program at NCCU and only sky is the limit of everyone to reach no matter how tough the challenge is. I believe every student who is going to Purdue after me is definitely with the courage to face all the difficulties and even challenges without helps from familiarities. Also, if you have spare time enough, there might be much more fun to discover. Maybe some people can get endless help because some kinds of advantages they have when they were born, but if you can conquer all the inconvenience without enough help without some born advantages, you can also strike out your own way at least with the experience to overcome desperate.