



Location

Duke University is located in the middle of Durham at North Carolina. Although it's a lovely and quite place, this is definitely not the area for people who are looking for an hectic big city life area. If you are looking for a place in which you will get to know well the people around you this could be a good choice.

Most of the Fuqua students choose to live in Station Nine. This is a huge complex in which many parties and events are being held. Others choose either Belmont, Gareth or 605 apartments. I'd recommend to check an availability of a sublet a few months in advance for either one or 2 terms. The cost should be around 1,000 dollars for a full apartment or 600 to enter as a roommate to an apartment. You can check in Duke List or in the exchange students Facebook group.

I stayed in Station nine for term1 and in Belmont for term2 and enjoyed both.

Weather

The weather in the winter can become very cold. I personally had one snow storm without any electricity for a few days. You should take it into consideration while choosing your clothes, classes, house, etc.

Visa

The international office in Fuqua is great. The representative from the office would take care of anything you need for the J-1 visa, you should just follow the emails and requests that you would get from the office and it's done.

Transportation

Everyone in Durham uses "Uber". The cost is relatively cheap- around 5 dollars for an average ride inside Durham. In addition, it is quite easy to use buses, check the nearest station to your house. I used "Uber" and the buses a lot. If you stay at Station nine, taking a ride with a student is a great option also.

Costs

- The highest cost is for your apartment- around 750 dollars for month
- Fees for the University- around 1,300 dollars
- The restaurants and bars are cheaper in the area. I would say around 300-500 dollars extra costs per month, depends on your habits

Courses

From my experience, all the classes are great, you should choose based on your interest and the description of the classes. The Marketing and communication skills classes are highly recommended.

I took 3 classes in each term and it was a good balance. Make sure to do the bidding as soon as possible, since there is a high demand for some classes.

General

- Indeed - a great experience
- Go to watch at least one basketball game, it's free for students
- Travel around Durham, there are many nice places around. For Shopping- the outlets at Durham are good
- Participate in events and conferences, it's a great opportunity to learn more

If you have any further questions, please let me know.

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